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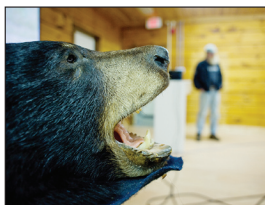
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**Darren Lum**  
Staff

# Union pleased with strike action

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Last Thursday, teachers at Archie Stouffer Elementary School hit the picket line as the rotating, one-day teachers' strikes in the province came to Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

The strikes are the Elementary Teachers Fed-

eration of Ontario's response to Bill 115, passed by the Ontario legislature in fall, which imposes a two-year pay-freeze for teachers, cuts certain benefits and limits their right to negotiate and strike.

The *Times* was referred to local ETFO president Steve Colliver.

"I think they went very well," Colliver said. "There was complete solidarity. I don't believe I

had a single problem on any line."

Strikes throughout the board were over by noon and, as Colliver explained, this was a decision made locally.

"We did one shift... on a single-day strike, we thought it was important to build some solidarity to have everybody on the picket line at the same time," he said. "Some of our schools are pretty

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# MH hires new community services director

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The township of Minden Hills has a new community services director. Reeve Barb Reid announced at a Dec. 13 council meeting that Janette Loveys, who's been the manager of park operations at the Capital Regional District in Victoria, B.C. since 2009 will start with the township in the New Year.

The community services director position has been expanded to include oversight of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, where Reid said there are "high expectations for revenue generation."

The reeve said Loveys has extensive experience in parks and recreation as well as culture.

Loveys also worked in visitor services and community development in Victoria and for eight years was manager of community development for the City of Guelph.

"We're really excited about her joining the team on the seventh of January," Reid said.

Loveys will replace former community services director Rick Cox, who after five years resigned from his post in August to take a position in Tillsonburg, Ont.

Seven senior staff members have left or been dismissed from their positions in the last two years.

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**Chad Ingram Staff**

Minden Hills deputy-clerk and Riverwalk committee member Laura Cunliffe shows off new signage displaying Minden's history.

## New signage for Riverwalk

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Riverwalk committee has a few additions planned for Minden's Riverwalk.

Committee president Roy Haig visited councillors at their Dec. 13 meeting.

"We have two components to this," Haig said, explaining the committee wished to install some interpretive signage as well as a new sculpture along the pathway which traces the Gull River.

The signage would feature historical images of Minden along with captions.

In consultation with the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch, who sits on the committee, Haig said a few photos had already been selected, including an old swimming area, a log cabin that once located in the village and the grist mill that once stood where the Minden Lake dam is now.

"We're hoping to choose of couple more," Haig said.

The committee is looking at installing between four and six signs, which will be constructed so that the images are interchangeable.

The committee got funding through the Haliburton

County Development Corporation for signage.

The "thunderbird" sculpture, which has been on display at the township office, was a donation and Haig said the donor has agreed to maintain it.

"That agreement will have to be worked out with the township, whatever you feel is appropriate," he said.

"As the whole thing comes together, it's my understanding that the committee will turn Riverwalk over to the municipality?" asked Councillor Brigitte Gall.

"The Riverwalk is now the municipality's," Haig said, adding as additions are made to the walkway they are turned over to the township.

Gall also wondered if there was an overarching plan for Riverwalk, in terms of consistency and avoiding clutter in the future.

"The boardwalk sign is very different from the Riverwalk sign," Gall said.

Haig said the committee had considered that and was mindful of trying to avoid clutter.

The request was referred to staff, specifically new community services director Janette Loveys, who will start with the township next month.

The Riverwalk project cost approximately \$1.5 million, with two thirds of that funding coming from the province and the feds and a third coming from the municipality.

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# Education key to a peaceful relationship with bears

**Darren Lum**  
Staff reporter

Bart Hilhorst dispelled the notion black bears are man eaters at the “Bart the Bear Man” presentation on bears at the Minden Hill Cultural Centre on Dec. 13.

Hilhorst, formerly of the Ministry of Natural Resources who spent close to 12 years dealing with bears in the area, said black bears are just looking to feed and fatten up for survival.

He adds public education is essential for a safe co-existence between people and bears.

Retired for the past two years, Hilhorst encourages understanding to minimize the challenges associated with bears – usually when humans create dangerous situations such as leaving refuse out that attracts bears. Attractants should be stored in heavy steel containers, he said.

Bear population density is the greatest in the Canadian Shield area, leading to more interaction.

Bears are instinctually motivated by the desire to feed and will go to great lengths to satiate their hunger. (This is the reason so many can be found at the landfill.)

“They can open a car door to get a chocolate bar wrapper,” he said.

They want little to do with people in general and would rather run than fight.

“Bears are generally afraid of you. They don’t want to get close to you,” Hilhorst said.

It’s essential the public remember this, particularly if a bear ends up in your home or cottage.

“If it comes around don’t let it get comfortable,” he said. “Let it know it’s not welcome.”

Hilhorst advises the public make as much noise as possible, yelling and banging objects like pots together. If in a group, gather together to appear large to scare the bear away.

It’s actually a good thing when a black bear looks ready to charge you.

Hilhorst acknowledges standing in the sights of a bear can be scary.

The way it will paw the earth, blow out its mouth and make “jaw popping” noises and then lunge are just signs of a “typical bluff charge.”

However, a bear’s seeming indifference is a far more dangerous behaviour. That’s when you know they aren’t afraid, he said.

In his experience dealing with bears, killing is the last resort and relocation doesn’t work, he said.

Unlike grizzly bear encounters when it is advised to play dead, Hilhorst said, it’s important to fight back if a



Darren Lum Staff

Five-year-old Alexandra Levstek watches Bart Hilhorst, formerly of the Ministry of Natural Resources, who demonstrates how a bear moves at the Bart the Bear Man presentation at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Dec. 13. Hilhorst, who spent close to 12 years dealing with bears in the community, gave an introductory presentation about bears, particularly black bears.

black bear does attack. Bear pepper spray can be used, but should be considered as a last resort as it must be used at a relatively close distance to the bear.

Black bear attacks are rare.

A study by the *Journal of Wildlife Management* published last year revealed 63 people died in 59 incidents with black bears from 1900 to 2009.

The presentation coincided with the Bear Wise Cultivating Co-existence exhibit at the R.D. Lawrence Place, which runs until Dec. 22



**Bears are generally afraid of you. They don’t want to get close to you.**

— Bart Hilhorst

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**Guenter Horst** Special to the Times

Teachers at Archie Stouffer Elementary School were picketing along Bobcaygeon Road on Dec. 13 as the province's rotating teacher strikes came to the Trillium Lakeland District School Board.

## Beyond a wage freeze: Colliver

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small."

Colliver said it was thought it would be more effective to have full staff contingents picketing together rather than having several shirts which, depending on the size of the school, could amount to just a handful of teachers demonstrating at any one time.

This strategy was also employed in the Kawartha Pine Ridge board, he said, and York Region used two shifts.

"I can't tell you what they did in other locals," Colliver said.

York Region and Renfrew teachers were striking along with those from Trillium Lakelands on Dec. 18.

Colliver was unsure when the rotating strikes might return to the area and of the provincial government said, "it's kind of hard to imagine what they are thinking at any time."

Education minister Laurel Broten said Monday that while inconvenient, the province would continue to allow the rotating strikes.

As far as reaction from parents and the public, Colliver said he's not had much feedback, but did receive emails from a couple of parents, whom he encouraged to learn more about the situation by reading Bill 115.

"This is not about a wage freeze," he said. "It's something way beyond that."



### Food for Kids

Max Ward, left, and Barbara Walford-Davis of the Minden Food Bank present Aaron Walker of Food for Kids with a cheque for \$3,500, which the food bank got through a grant from the Ontario Association of Food Banks.

Food for Kids donated the money to Archie Stouffer Elementary School's food program.

**Chad Ingram** Staff

# Council leases arena, curling club roofs for solar power

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter



**I'm not convinced it's going to last 20 years.**

— Councillor Ken Redpath  
on the life of the FIT program

There may be solar panels on the roof of the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena before long.

At a Dec. 13 meeting, Minden Hills council received an offer from company Solar Power Network Inc. to lease the roofs of the arena and the Minden Curling Club for the purpose of installing solar panels for the province's feed-in-tariff (FIT) program.

The offer came in three options, the first being an upfront payment of \$212,000 for a 20-year lease, the second being annual rent in the amount of approximately \$21,000 for 20 years and the third being some combination of upfront payment and ongoing rent.

Interim community services director John Rogers told councillors the company uses "one of the lightest systems there is," and that the system would not penetrate the roofs of the buildings.

Rogers emphasized that there was really no cost to the municipality and said the township would basically be getting paid to be a leader in the area of solar energy.

Councillor Lisa Schell pointed out that similar requests, which were turned down, had come before the township's council in the past.

"Both times we decided that because of the age of the S.G. Nesbitt Arena, we were not comfortable with it," Schell said, wondering if the township should have an engineer inspect the 40-year-old building first.

Rogers said he'd reviewed an engineering report on the building done in 2010 and that it had met standards at the time and that the company would have engineers go in to do an analysis.

Schell also expressed concern that entering the agreement meant tossing aside the township's purchasing policy, which dictates that any contracts worth \$10,000 or more be tendered out.

Reeve Barb Reid said the situation was different than most since the company was approaching the municipality.

"Presumably every other supplier is aware of this impending deadline and yet no one else has come to us with a proposal," Reid said.

The deadline for this round of FIT applications is the end of the month.

Both Reid and Councillor Ken Redpath expressed concern about the longevity of the FIT program.

"I'm not convinced it's going to last 20 years," Redpath said, suggested that the township should be requesting some kind of bond in case the company fizzled in the meantime.

Reid also thought there was tremendous political risk surrounding the program but said in this case, it was the company, not the township, taking the risk.

"What if we pick Option 1 and the company goes out of business?" Reid asked.

Rogers said the municipality would get to keep its \$212,000, regardless of the fate of the company, which seemed enticing to everyone at the table.

Reid said the \$212,000 should earn the township about \$8,000 a year in interest.

"Then you've got that to spend and you've got your \$212,000 in perpetuity for parks and recreation," the reeve said. "It's like an endowment."

Rogers suggested the money stay in the parks and rec department budget, specifically for capital expenditures.

The arena will either require a replacement or a major overhaul by 2035.

Councillors agreed to set aside the purchasing policy and move ahead with an agreement.

While Option 1 is the preferred choice, Rogers will also be talking to the company about what a combination of upfront payment and rent might look like, in case council might find that more attractive.

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**Helen Burk wins volunteer award – page 10**



# AH reeve steps into role as county warden

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

She loves the Highlands, is known as a community leader and can be “a touch too forthright.”

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was acclaimed as the Haliburton County Warden for the upcoming year at the inaugural session of county council on Dec. 11.

Nominated by Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, Moffatt was a suitable choice for the position for a variety of reasons, including her passion for the job and volunteer work.

“I’ve known Carol for a number of years now and watched with growing respect her commitment to the community as a councillor and reeve and member of county council,” said Danielsen. “Carol is hardworking, loyal ... she doesn’t shy away from taking on tasks that might look overwhelming to others.”

With no other nominations brought to the floor, Moffatt was acclaimed to the position for 2013, following in the footsteps of previous warden Murray Fearrey.

Moffatt took the oath of office and was presented with the warden’s chain and robe.

“You realize you’ve got the weight of the county on your shoulders,” said Fearrey as he placed the robe on the warden elect.

Moffatt thanked Fearrey for his years of service to the county, touting him as a “leader in the community.”

During her address Moffatt said she was looking forward to the year ahead and the priorities council will be tackling.

“We’ve always had challenges here ... we’ll do the best we can with cutbacks and changing needs and demands for services,”

“

**Carol is hardworking, loyal ... she doesn’t shy away from taking on tasks that might look overwhelming to others.**

— Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen

she said.

One of the warden’s top priorities is for council to make sound decisions about tourism in the area.

“I think we need to make sure we make the right decisions because tourism isn’t something that just happens for us it’s something that’s integral to everything that happens in our economy.”

Other ongoing projects the county would be dealing with include the Walker’s/EMS property, the Rail Trail and managing the natural environment.

“I’d like to see us, moving forward, to think big, think laterally and think successfully and keep on with the good work that’s been done in the past,” said Moffatt.

**Angelica Blenich** Staff

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, right, speaks to former Haliburton County warden Murray Fearrey, left, following the inauguration of the Haliburton County warden for 2013 on Dec. 11. Moffatt was given the honour of representing the county for the upcoming year.



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## our editorial

# Perfecting perception

**S**O, THE PLACARDS ARE out and so is class.

On certain days, anyway. Last week, ETFO took its feud with the provincial government to a new level, launching rotating strikes a few school boards at a time.

The union isn't doing itself any favours when it comes to garnering the support of Ontarians, for a few reasons.

First, it's doing a poor job of getting out its message; expressing precisely why its members are striking.

A new ad campaign by ETFO makes a lot of ominous hints about the government trampling democracy, but few ads come right out and explain to the public that Bill 115 limits teachers' unions' right to negotiate and strike.

This, according to ETFO, is the primary reason for the strikes, not the two-year pay freeze or benefit reductions that also came with the bill.

So it should make that perfectly clear.

In a world of 15-second sound bites, it needs to concentrate on one, clear message.

Right now, ETFO is doing about as good a job expressing its reasoning as the Occupy Movement, which had no formal leadership structure, did in 2011.

Second, the union has lost touch with the reality of Ontarians who aren't teachers.

It's certainly not OK that the government has steamrolled the unions' rights to collective bargaining and that decision could hint at deeper and more wide-

spread implications for unionized labour in general.

However, many Ontario residents don't have unionized jobs and for those who do, their unions certainly aren't as strong as those of the teachers.

Whether the perception is apt or not, many Ontarians see teachers as overpaid, over-perked babysitters who work 10 months a year.

Now those people, some of whom don't really know why the teachers are striking since the union is doing such a poor job getting out its message, have to find a babysitter for their kid(s) on days when teachers are striking.

Perhaps the union should have left it at refusing to host extracurricular activities.

That brings us to the third and final reason.

While the controversial bill gives the government the power to overrule strikes and legislate teachers back to work, and while it said it would do so if a strike was enacted, it hasn't yet.

Apparently, it doesn't consider rotating strikes disruptive enough.

Or, maybe they are just disruptive enough to make ETFO look like the bad guy.

The decision last week to have local teachers strike in one contingent for the morning, rather than in shifts throughout the day was also a misstep.

It gives the appearance that teachers are less than passionate about their cause and in a situation that's increasing becoming a PR battle, perception is everything.



**Chad Ingram**  
Reporter

## Kwarky



## letters to the editor

### What an honour

To the Editor,

I would like to thank Donna Monk and the Minden Hills council for awarding me with the Gordon A Monk Volunteer and Citizenship Award for 2012, also to those who nominated me. What a great honour.

To all of you volunteers, keep doing it as some day you may receive the award.

Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy 2013.

**Helen Burk  
Lochlin**

### Change the name

To the Editor,

*Re: Bear exhibit gives opportunity to learn*

Ms. Sedgwick, like Mr. Levestek at the cultural centre, seems to have missed the point of my letters. I did not object to the exhibit. Of course education is important, and of course museums are in that business. I objected to stuffed animals and bear traps being in a building named for R.D. Lawrence.

Her assertion that bears were probably dear to Mr. Lawrence's heart is no doubt true, but judging by the values in his books, live bears, not stuffed ones.

If such displays are to be part of the museum's mandate, stop using his name on the building so people from elsewhere coming because they've read his books and are expecting things based on his beliefs aren't shocked.

However, maybe I'm wrong. I never met the man so I'm going by what I've read and heard. Since we can't ask him, maybe we should ask his wife if this is the kind of thing she anticipated when she donated his belongings.

**Bob Smith  
Ingoldsby**

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# points of view

## Free market forces

**T**HE OTHER WEEK, an editor showed me a mass mailing from a Quebec-based columnist who offered her humour column for free to any publication that wanted it.

She is what we refer to in the business as “an idiot.”

Being a humour columnist who does not offer any work for free, I found this marketing ploy interesting.

She’d get in the door by undercutting everyone else and then slowly, over time, ask for pay increases, until she could eventually afford a bigger cardboard box to live in. Then, as we unemployed writers pushed all of our worldly possessions by in our old, squeaky shopping carts, we’d look over longingly at her cardboard box and its prime location by the dumpster and say, “I guess it worked for her.”

Even now, I can see it.

“Look, boss,” she’d say, “I have been

here for a year now and given you 52 hilarious columns. The readers love me. I’ve saved you money. I think I deserve a six per cent raise.”

“Six per cent?” the publisher would gasp. “How much are we paying you now?”

“You’re paying me nothing,” she replies. “Zero.”

“I see,” the publisher would then say. “I’ll give you a three per cent raise then. But that’s as high as I can go.”

The writer, who walked hoping she to get a two per cent increase over her current pay, would quickly shake on it and leave the office feeling victorious.

Did I mention that we humour writers suck at negotiation?

First off, let me say that this isn’t fair.

With bilingualism, federal subsidies, separatists, systemic corruption and words like poutine, the raw material to produce humour columns in Quebec are much cheaper. It’s no wonder she can give it away.

This thought alone made me consider leaving the field and starting a career in pumping gas, pouring coffee, wearing sandwich-board signs or some other occupation that is far more lucrative than writing humour.

Then it occurred to me that I don’t have the skill sets required for any of those things either. So if I want to keep this column space, I’ll probably have to compete.

So, as much as it pains me, I have prepared a counter-offer. That’s right,

should my editor accept her offer, I will give away my column for free and provide annual remuneration from my remaining income.

No doubt, that Quebec writer would then regroup and offer her column, plus a weekly tithe, along with her first born.

Well, don’t worry. I know how to play this game.

That’s why I am already prepared to come back with a free column, payment for publishing it, and weekly shoe shining for both my editor and publisher. I will not shine the shoes of assistant editors, however. I have my dignity.

I can’t say I like any of this, but this is what the humour writing field has come to. And, if you ask me, it’s not funny.

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**Steve Galea**  
Beyond 35

## Managing our own affairs

**N**EGOTIATIONS. TWO CURLERS from Thursday’s mixed league, across a table now, hammer out their differences.

Kitty-corner, a woman debates a man who sold her lumber for her new deck last spring. A pedagogue engages his daughter’s Sunday-school teacher.

At least, that’s how I imagine a collective agreement might have been reached in the days when Haliburton County still had schools and a school board it could call its own.

Teachers, parents, voters, even bureaucrats – you couldn’t fight with folks you saw every day, whether in church or in checkout lines. They all had to get along, to get along.

Tempers must have flared in contract talks, but when trustees and teachers got up the next morning, they had to go on living with their neighbours. They learned to compromise.

It was a good arrangement, so long as the community held the purse strings for its schools. Now Queen’s Park is in charge and local trustees little more than front men.

The teachers’ dispute with the province and news of plans to shift authority south in our Local Health Integration Network are just two more reminders of how little say rural Ontario has in its affairs.

When it makes decisions on our future, Queen’s Park brushes away rural concerns as though they were crumbs on a bread board.

Examples? Yokels who gripe about wind farms are told to suck it up, to get over it for the greater good. Suburban Toronto objects to gas-powered power plants and the province changes its mind in a hurry.

Local agricultural offices that once were links between country and city expired long ago. Local Ministry of Natural Resources offices seem headed for the same fate.

Hard-scrabble Somerville Township becomes part of the City of Kawartha Lakes, whether it wants to or not. The province is either paved or undeveloped – there is no other category.

None of this is the fault of the government in power, or of the governments that came before it. The real government is the bureaucracy, which waits patiently to get its way.

Bureaucrats, whether in charge of government or private corporations, understand that the larger the enterprise, the less influence its shareholders have over it.

In a democracy, the shareholders once were known quaintly as citizens. Now government agencies call them customers and keep them at a distance.

A school board like our Trillium Lakelands, presiding over a territory larger than Jamaica, is little more than a rubber stamp for decisions made by its managers and ratified at head office – Queen’s Park.

A generation ago, a local board like Haliburton’s understood how much we cared about our schools and

decided how much to spend on them, topping up a fixed provincial grant with the property taxes the townships collected for it. Setting a budget was a political act in a democracy.

Now Queen’s Park gets the property taxes and redistributes them around the province to make life fair, as though it ever could be. Appointments of senior managers at Trillium Lakelands need provincial approval. No mavericks need apply.

In theory, management’s decisions are only recommendations that must be ratified by an elected board, but some of its members live a two-hour drive from head

office in Lindsay. Talk about remote control!

There are enough lines of defence that a trustee need never talk to a parent, who is expected to clear four hurdles before he bothers his elected representative.

Now the teachers, who might have worked things out with the man at the lumber desk, stage job actions. What once was a calling must feel more and more like a job.

Our hospital complexes seem to belong to us but citizens who once donated \$6-million to help build them must be wondering who will be in charge down the road.

Independence is not a new issue for us. Haliburton was a provisional county until 1983, and its hospitals were subservient to a Peterborough hospital.

Just as we’re getting used to managing our own affairs, they begin to slip through our fingers again. Bigger means better outcomes, or so bigger tells us, but at what price?

To the managers at head office, huddled around their spreadsheets and driven by their algorithms, concerns outside the GTA must look like no more than rounding errors when they arrive at their decisions.

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**Neil Campbell**  
Back of Beyond

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**December 25th** CHRISTMAS DAY  
**December 26th** BOXING DAY  
**January 1st** NEW YEAR'S DAY  
**January 2nd** 8:30am, Administration Building REOPENS  
**January 15th** 9:00am Special Committee of the Whole/ General Committee meeting, Council Chambers ( Public Session 10:00am)  
**January 17th** 9:00am Committee of the Whole meeting, Council Chambers ( Public Session 10:00am)  
**January 17th** 7:00pm, Lochlin Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Lochlin Community Centre  
**January 18th** 10:00 am, Finance Advisory Committee meeting, Minden Hills Boardroom  
**January 24th** 7:00pm, Irondale Community Centre Advisory Committee meeting, Irondale Community Centre

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<b>December 2012</b>	
9th	Township of Minden Hills
16th	Minden Lioness Club
23rd	<i>Township of Minden Hills</i>
<b>Christmas Break</b>	Public Skating 12:00-2:00pm
24th	Christmas Eve- <b>ARENA CLOSED AT NOON</b>
25th	Christmas Day- <b>ARENA CLOSED</b>
26th	Tim Hortons
<b>27th</b>	Karen Nimigon, Broker Century 21 Granite Realty Group Inc.
<b>28th</b>	Tim Hortons
<b>29th</b>	<b>Saturday-NO Public Skating</b>
<b>30th</b>	<i>The Cottage Angels</i>
<b>31st</b>	Tim Hortons
<b>31st</b>	New Years Eve, Township of Minden Hills 5:30--8:30pm
<b>January 2013</b>	
<b>1st</b>	New Years Day- <b>ARENA CLOSED</b>
<b>2nd</b>	Minden Kin Club
<b>3rd</b>	Tim Hortons
<b>4th</b>	<i>Township of Minden Hills</i>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Saturday-NO Public Skating</b>
<b>6th</b>	Tim Hortons



Minden Hills Cultural Centre would like to thank its community for a wonderful year. The centre will be closing over the Holiday Season from December 23 opening January 8, 2013. Please visit [www.mindenculturalcentre.com](http://www.mindenculturalcentre.com) to view all of the new exciting programming!

### Agnes Jamieson Gallery Annual Members' Art Show

Join us for the closing reception on December 22 at 1pm for some Holiday Cheer

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As part of the current R.D. Lawrence Place exhibition, Bear Wise: Cultivating Co-existence, Bart Hilhorst will be speaking about bear behavior while sharing some of his personal experiences with these amazing animals. This is a free event and all are welcome.

Thursday, December 13th at 6:30pm in the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Common Room

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November 6 - December 1

This is an exhibit looks at the military life of R.D. Lawrence and includes a number of his personal artifacts.

### Hibernation Exhibition

December 2 - December 22, 2012

Brief description: An extension of the Bear Wise Exhibition, Hibernation discusses this life pattern in some of the mammals of the Haliburton Highlands.

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### Request for Proposal Invitation to Proponents for Municipal Planning Services

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## Photos with Santa

Photos from the Santa Claus Parade are available for pick up at the Township Office, front counter during normal business hours.

## Holiday Wishes

Council and Staff would like to wish everyone in Minden Hills

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and

*a Happy New Year!*





# Helen Burk crowned volunteer of the year

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

She's lived in Haliburton County her entire life and always put others before herself.

Helen Burk, 67, was this year's recipient of the Gordon A. Monk Award for volunteerism and citizenship.

An initiative of the township of Minden Hills, the annual award recognizes a community-minded individual who serves others.

Burk was presented with the award at the township's annual Christmas and volunteer recognition banquet on Dec. 6.

"It's quite an honour," she said. "Especially Gord Monk. He was a great ambassador for this area."

From Lochlin, Burk has long been an active member of the Lochlin United Church and Community Centre.

From teaching Sunday school to flipping pancakes at the annual Maplefest and taking tickets at spaghetti dinners, there isn't a task Burk hasn't been caught doing.

"I teach Sunday school and get a great feeling seeing the kids in our church grow and they become a part of your life," she told the paper.

Apart from the church and community centre, Burk used to coach baseball

in Minden and continues to look after the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

"It's sometimes very trying," said Burk describing the role that has her dealing with those grieving loved ones.

Volunteering has always been important to Burk, who follows in her aunt's footsteps.

"I think it's born and bred in you. I can attribute quite a bit to my aunt Bessie [Burk], who passed away. She would volunteer anywhere."

Burk plans to continue volunteering for as long as she can, especially at the church, a place close to her heart.

"I've been going there all my life," she said.

The recipient already has a good idea of where she'll hang her plaque.

"I would say in my kitchen, so that everyone can see it."

Upon receiving the award, Burk was presented with a plaque from Minden Hills and her name was included on a plaque to be hung in the township's office.

Her husband Don and family members accompanied Burk to the banquet.

In remembrance of Gord Monk's achievements and passion for volunteerism, the award is presented to an individual who has been nominated.

Previous winners include Molly McInerney and Dick Schell.



Lifelong resident of Haliburton County Helen Burk was honoured with the Gord Monk Volunteer Award by the township of Minden Hills on Dec. 6. Burk, 67, is an active member of the Lochlin United Church, and has donated her time to the Lochlin Community Centre and Irondale cemetery. /Photo Submitted

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# Outdoor skating rink to be improved in Dorset

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

Plans to build a concrete multi-use surface for an outdoor skating rink in Dorset are moving forward.

Members of Algonquin Highlands council approved the construction and installation of a new pad at their Dec. 13 meeting, with the intention it replace the existing ice surface in Dorset.

The approval followed a request from the Dorset Park Committee seeking support and permission from council to launch a fundraising campaign for the multi-use surface.

The committee plans to sell hot chocolate and pre-pack-

aged snack food from the snack bar area of the rink building, according to their letter to council.

While plans to fundraise for the new surface sounded good, Reeve Carol Moffatt said council had never approved the installation of a new ice pad, only supporting the committee's previous fundraising efforts.

"This council has to support that now," said Moffatt.

Both Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays townships had previously approved application for funding by the committee to pay for engineer's drawings for the concrete rink surface.

The committee received funding from the Eastern Ontario Development Program's local initiative program, through the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Drawings were prepared by Tulloch Engineering, which were reviewed by the committee, with cost estimates for the rink at more than \$100,000.

The committee also sent a request to Algonquin Highlands township asking council for an annual contribution of \$2,500, to help build capital.

Council passed a resolution supporting the installation of a multi-use surface and deferred the contribution request until budget time.

The rink is located across from the Dorset fire hall next to the baseball diamond on property jointly owned by Algonquin Highlands and Lake of Bays. The townships have a shared services agreement.

"Anything that is done there has to be approved by both townships," Moffatt told the paper.

## Visits to Dorset Tower increase in 2012

**Angelica Blenich**  
Staff reporter

The Dorset scenic tower was a popular spot this year for visitors from far and wide.

Director of parks, recreation and trails Mark Coleman reported to members of Algonquin Highlands council at their Dec. 13 meeting that attendance at the tower was up this year from last.

Coleman believed there were a number of reasons for the spike in visits, including the wonderful summer weather and beautiful fall colours this year.

However, the director believes the weather also contributed to a dip in kiosk sales, which were higher on days with poor weather, he reported.

The steady flow of traffic to the tower also saw an increase in unpaid visits made during unstaffed hours, between Aug. 22 and Sept. 24, reported Coleman.

"People are waiting until sunset and then sneaking in?" asked Reeve Carol Moffatt.

"We believe there is a fair bit of traffic after staffing hours while the tower is still open, since it doesn't close until 8 p.m.," said Coleman.

The reeve inquired if there was enough traffic to justify extending staffing hours.

Coleman believed there was, not just from a revenue standpoint but a liability and safety one on behalf of the township.

"I think we should look into extra staffing for the unattended hours," he said.

Revenue from tower traffic came in at more than \$66,000 this year, compared to a little less than \$64,000 last year.

There were a total of 7,991 passes sold in 2012 at the tower. Council agreed to explore extending staffing hours if feasible within the budget.



**People are waiting until sunset and then sneaking in?**

— Carol Moffatt

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# Trent Severn Waterway's shrinking budget leads to layoffs

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

There have been more layoffs at the Trent Severn Waterway and the government has announced the waterway will have reduced hours for 2013.

Parks Canada, which oversees canal operations, has informed 23 TSW staff they are being "surplussed" - laid off. Seven will have their season shortened and 75 were told they will be keeping their jobs.

That brings the total number of "surplussed" positions at the TSW to 34, including former superintendent Dawn Bronson, as Parks Canada attempts to deal with a \$30 million reduction in its budget, \$3.5 million from the waterway.

"The front-line canal employees could only be notified of their status once next year's navigation schedule was finalized and the analysis of the resulting changes was complete," media relations officer Genevieve Patenaude wrote

in an email. Chris Riddle, co-chairman of the Coalition for Equitable Water Flow, which is concerned primarily with flow rates within the TSW and its feeder bodies, said his organization understands the need for budget restraint within the system.

"The amount of traffic on the canal basically makes no difference in terms of the water required," Riddle said.

His concern was how many of the affected staff members worked in water management.

"None of the positions that have been declared surplus were primarily focused on water management," Patenaude wrote. "Of the 34 positions eliminated, 18 did include some water management work as part of their overall duties and these responsibilities will be redistributed to ensure that we are still meeting our water management obligations."

Many of the affected positions were lock and bridge operators.

The waterway will operate from the Victoria Day weekend through Thanksgiving as usual, but with reduced hours.

Until June 20, it will be open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

From June 20 until Labour Day, the canal will operate from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

From Labour Day until Thanksgiving, the canal will be open from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday through Sunday.

The paper asked if any of the few seasonal and permanent employees who work primarily in Haliburton County are being affected.

"In accordance with agency policies and to maintain employee confidentiality, Parks Canada does not discuss individual staffing matters and, as such, will not be identifying team members," Patenaude wrote.

As part of the cutbacks at Parks Canada, the governance structures of the TSW and Rideau Canal were merged in the fall. Throughout the county, Parks Canada is eliminating some 640 positions.

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# Cultural centre must develop capacity: consultant

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

Minden Hills now has a cultural plan. Township councillors accepted the plan from consultant Brian Arnott of Novita Interpares Limited during a Dec. 13 council meeting.

"We started this with some goals that were mutually agreed," Arnott said. "We're looking at trying to root the plan in local values and local characteristics. Our main point is always this silly question, 'why is this place here?'"

Arnott attempted to answer that question with a community investigation that included talking to local stakeholders, taking surveys and hosting a well-attended public visioning session at the Minden Hills Community Centre in late June.

The plan includes a cultural inventory

of Minden Hills, as well as suggestions for implementing cultural policy and ways of tracking its success.

In the 20-page document's executive summary, Minden Hills is noted as having, "a rich cultural narrative, a high level of cultural program activity and community engagement," and "an exceptional level of cultural assets."

Arnott told councillors that Minden Hills is, "for a community of its size and its rural location, very, very rich, culturally."

As far as getting "where we need to go," the report spells out protecting existing cultural assets, building on those assets, marketing the area's culture and better local communication, among other suggestions.

"We discovered two kind of overarching themes," Arnott said.

One is the need for organizational

clarity in a community where there are numerous groups working at cultural activities.

"Who's doing what?" Arnott asked.

The second theme, he said, was the need for the cultural centre itself to come together "and develop capacity of its own, separate from its relationship to the municipality."

Reeve Barb Reid has said there are expectations for the centre to start generating more revenue.

One challenge that was identified by the community was the distance between Minden's downtown core and the cultural centre.

"The perception is that these two main cultural features are a long way apart," the document reads. "In fact, the actual distance between the river and the cultural centre is about 350 metres. The real issue is the nature of the Bobcaygeon Road

streetscape between the bridge and the cultural centre and this is a matter of integrating urban planning with the community's cultural goals."

The report also contains a vision statement, which is actually a series of statements, steps for communicating the plan and for measuring cultural development.

Reid said trumpeting the township's cultural assets through its new website would also be important.

Council is hiring Kingston firm NeuMarkets for \$12,000 to revamp the site.

The full cultural plan document is available for viewing by searching the Dec. 13 Minden Hills council agenda on the county website and Arnott said he'd be available to the township's new community services director for any questions.

Novita was paid \$20,000 through the Creative Communities Partnership Fund for the creation of the plan.



**Chad Ingram** Staff

Cultural consultant Brian Arnott spoke with Minden Hills council as he represented them with a cultural plan for the township on Dec. 13.

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# Chamber of commerce seeks funding from county

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce wants to create an integrated business development framework in the county and wants to act as its hub.

Chamber president Eric Thompson and director Peter Brady pitched the idea to Haliburton County councillors at their Dec. 12 meeting.

Entitled “First Stop Haliburton,” their presentation focused on the need of a collaborative model to attract and retain more businesses in the Highlands.

The idea is to bring businesses, the local municipal governments and the chamber

together, with the latter carrying out duties such as collecting, storing and analysing countywide business information, conducting surveys and reports, taking online business inventories and co-ordinating a targeted marketing campaign.

That campaign, which would be aimed largely at small business owners from Ottawa and the GTA, would sell the idea “from desk to dock in five minutes.”

“Each new business and each new family is a county asset,” said Brady, who added he knew of some young, biotechnology entrepreneurs looking for the kind of lifestyle the Highlands has to offer.

Brady and Thompson stressed that more businesses mean more jobs which mean more growth which means a larger tax base for the

county.

The plan would require an agreement between the stakeholders and the chamber would need new software, hardware and likely additional staff or specialized contractors.

The chamber is looking to the county for funding of about \$50,000 a year for the first two years, as well as \$35,000 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation and \$10,000 from each of the lower-tier townships.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt wondered if the project was meant as a follow up to a business retention and expansion study previously completed by the chamber.

Brady responded that some pieces of that study have been pulled and will be used.

“How much is the chamber putting in as a

partner?” Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey asked.

Brady said the chamber would be providing resources.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen wanted to know what would happen if the chamber received funding from some lower-tier townships, but not others.

“How do you address that, when each partner is being asked to put in an equal share?” Danielsen asked, adding that most businesses seemed to gravitate to the county’s largest centres of Minden or Haliburton Village.

“I don’t agree with you that it’s Minden or Haliburton that’s the choice,” Brady said. “They want to live in the fresh air in the forest.”

The request will be deferred to the county’s 2013 budget deliberations.

## County aims for two per cent tax increase in 2013

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county will be aiming to cap a tax levy increase for 2013 at two per cent.

“I’m fairly confident we can get to that two per cent plus growth,” treasurer Laura Janke said at a Dec. 12 county council meeting, as she gave councillors an overview of the county’s finances. Department heads have been working on their draft budgets for months and council will get to work finalizing the

2013 budget in the New Year. Janke is suggesting the county needs to collect \$12.5 million in tax dollars for the upcoming year, up from the total levy of \$12.1 million in 2012. It should be noted that is not the amount of the total budget, just the amount collected from taxpayers. The total budget for 2012 was approximately \$18.5 million. The county’s reserves are sitting at \$3.6 million, up from about \$1.5 million in 2006. Much of that came from rural infrastructure funding the municipality received in and around 2008.

“We took a huge jump,” Janke said.


The county is going to have a surplus in its social services and housing line for this year, with caseloads down about four per cent.

That should amount to surplus in the neighbourhood of \$50,000.

While there will be a dip of about \$80,000 in Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund money, Janke said the county could have lost much more than that. In recent years, it has lost some \$2.5 million in equalization funds from the province. The end of the year marks the

final payment of a short-term loan and for the first time in a decade, Haliburton County will be debt-free.

Janke said its next major expense will be the construction of a new EMS building on the old Walker’s Auto Repair property in Minden. The county did not get approved for grants from the Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund for projects including a new lift for the county office and work on the Rail Trail. Department heads will present councillors with their draft budgets on Jan. 9.



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TOTAL	\$90,000	\$175,000		\$70,000	\$50,000	\$141,200	\$232,600
MAXIMUM	Up to 25,000/business 5,000 per individual	Up to 30,000/year 2,500 per month	Up to 30,000/year 2,500 per month	Up to 5,000	Up to 50,000	Up to 10,000	Up to 100,000
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## Haliburton County news

# After-school programs reinstated

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

Point in Time's after-school programs and summer day camp will be running again in 2013 after the county re-instated the group's funding.

The child and family services organization staff heard the good news at a holiday gathering Dec. 12 in their Haliburton office from executive director Marg Cox.

"It's good news for kids," Cox told the paper before the reception.

"Kids and families were concerned about what would happen [if funding wasn't found]."

In September, Haliburton County councillors had decided to cut funding to the Point in Time programs in order to manage provincial funding reductions.

However, at a subsequent meeting councillors learned there were miscalculations made and most programs could continue as usual.

Councillors decided to revisit the cuts and reinstate funding.

Point in Time runs after-school activities

in Wilberforce, Cardiff and Minden. It also offers a low-cost summer adventure day camp in July and August throughout the county.

After-school programs will resume in January, 2013.

Cox said the after-school programs were overwhelmingly successful with 71 kids registered at the Minden site.

With few recreational activities available to kids, news that the program would be shut down had troubled the executive director.

She said research has shown recreation

programs not only improve kids' physical fitness, but also their emotional wellbeing. There is a separately funded after-school program run at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School in Haliburton once a week.

That program runs purely on donations.

While Cox said this year has been funded already, another \$18,000 must be found to continue in Haliburton into the 2013-2014 year.

The program includes food and activities for youth and their parents.

Donations can be made online at [pointintime.ca](http://pointintime.ca).

## Point in Time achieves accreditation

**Jenn Watt**  
Editor

It took several years and hours of staff and board time, but it's all paid off for Point in Time.

On Dec. 12, executive director of the child and family services group, Marg Cox, announced they had achieved accreditation.

"The standards changed twice while we were working on it," she said, thanking everyone for their work in the process.

This is the first time Point in Time has been accredited and they served as a pilot project for the Canadian Centre for Accreditation, which is a new body that assesses community-based health and social service organizations.

To be accredited means the organization has met every mandatory standard and has achieved at least 80 per cent in "leading practice standards."

"CCA interviewed our staff and clients, audited our files, observed some of our programs and surveyed a variety of people, including community partners, volunteers and staff," a press release from Point in Time reads.

"This gave them a chance to see and hear whether we do what we say we do."

Cox gave her staff an idea of what their services mean to clients.

According to her statistics, 91 per cent of youth who received service from Point in Time would recommend it to another youth. The day camp garnered a 98 per cent satisfaction rate. More than 90 per cent of those in the differential response program said it had given them the tools to better express their anger. Cox said accreditation has not only shown the organization what it does right, but also given it a framework for further improvement.

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— Marg Cox

The CCA called Point in Time "an exemplary organization with a committed board, staff, management and executive director."

Board vice-chairwoman Kim Stamp thanked staff for their work.

"On behalf of the board, a huge congratulations to staff," she said, calling accreditation a "huge accomplishment."

Cox said the board had attended summer "boot camp" to assist in the process.

"They really need a huge pat on the back for leadership and high standards set as a governance board," she said.

Point in Time offers a range of services from counselling to youth justice to family support for children under 18 years old and their families.

**Jenn Watt Staff**

Point in Time staff celebrate accreditation together on Dec. 12. From top of stairs left, Cathy Constantino, Amanda Wells, Lisa Hamilton, Mallory Savery-Whiteway, Linda Mintz, Cynthia Hutchinson, Dawn Milburn, Donna Austin, Alyssa Struhar, Dan Bajorek, Marg Cox, Kim Stamp, Sharon Lynch, Ginny Urquhart and Joan Wilson. Absent: Joelle Hill, Kelly Harrison, Marg Hockley, Marnie Blair, Mary Sisson, Michelle Wolfe Miscio and Nicole Mee.





# Will the term ‘reeve’ meet its end?

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

At their Dec. 12 meeting, county councillors discussed changing the title of leaders of the county’s four lower-tier municipalities from “reeve” to “mayor.”

“I’m the culprit for bringing this to county council,” said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, explaining she thought there was confusion around the title. “The term reeve is often misunderstood.”

The term “reeve,” its tradition tied to England, is commonly used to refer to the leader of a rural community, while the title of “mayor” is applied to the leader of a town or a larger centre.

Danielsen said she’d canvassed members of council about a potential name change and that, “generally speaking, people were supportive.”

One of those people was Algonquin Highlands Reeve and newly acclaimed County Warden Carol Moffatt, who said

while she respected the history attached to the title of “reeve,” perhaps it was becoming a bit old-fashioned.

Moffatt said at events with leaders from other areas, there is sometimes a lack of understanding about what the term means and a perception that a reeve is somehow less than a mayor.

“Then you have to spend five minutes explaining that you’re actually a mayor,” she said.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge said she’s experienced similar confusion.

“We rural people know, but it’s not a word that people understand in other areas,” she said.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton, who was fine with either title, said at a recent event he was the only reeve present.

“The rest were all mayors.”

Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey explained that traditionally, a mayor was someone who presided over a population of 10,000 people or more.

“I think we’ve got more important issues to worry about

than this,” Fearrey said, adding that if the titles were going to be changed, he thought it should be timed with the next election.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Bill Davis said he’d never got much flack about his title.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid was in favour of the change. “It just takes a lot of confusion out of it,” she said, adding she thought the change should be made immediately for simplicity’s sake.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch was “quite happy” with her title, but said if they were going to change, she thought it should be timed with an election.

Council titles are legislated at the local level, meaning that each of the four townships can make its own decision about the moniker.

While Moffatt thought it was important to have consistency between the four, Burton didn’t think it would be a big deal if some changed and some didn’t.

County councillors will be taking the matter back to their lower-tier councils.

## County tourism photo contest launches this week

**Chad Ingram**  
Staff reporter

The county’s photo contest, which will garner a photo to be featured on its new tourism website, will launch Dec. 19.

County IT co-ordinator Mike March gave councillors a preview of the modern-looking webpage where contestants will

be able to upload photos of the Highlands using Facebook and Twitter, with the hashtag #experiencehaliburton, during a Dec. 12 meeting.

“I’m lost,” quipped Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

“Even if you don’t get it, do you like it?” Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt, who sits on the new site’s steering committee, asked her colleagues.

Council was in agreement the page looked good.

The contest runs until Jan. 31.

The photo webpage will be rolled into the new tourism site and will present an ever-changing and updated collection of submitted photos. The county will retain the ability to screen photos so that no inappropriate content makes its way onto the new site. The county is paying Faren Group Inc. \$25,700 plus taxes for the creation of the site, which is expected to be completed in February.

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# SEASON'S GREETINGS

*Have a safe and happy holiday season from the* **Minden Times**



# Christmas from another perspective

## Mrs. Coneybeare's Class 3 A

I was just a pile of gingerbread in a store in a bag feeling lonely. Suddenly I was carried out of the store, YAHOO I shouted.

I will be chew and chomped. I was tossed in a bowl and they added eggs, sugar and food coloring. Then they rolled me up and put me in a plastic bag and put me in the fridge. After 30 minutes they took me out and squished me... OUCH OUCH I screamed.

Next they grabbed cookie cutters and cut me out. After they put me in some weird cooking machine. It felt like they were burning my back and I was shocked. I wonder what this part is. After an hour, they gently placed me on a plate and put toppings on me. They ate me, yaaah. I was proud to fill the bellies of these smiling kids.

*By Jacob the Gingerbread Guy*

It was Christmas, it was the best day ever!

I could not wait until one lucky kid could unwrap me. Santa Claus was delivering me and it was a long ride. "Yahoo," I thought to myself as I was bumping around in his sleigh. When I was in the sleigh I saw a snowman, bright lights and I could smell cookies. I was finally at a special house.

I wondered what the kid's name was who would be getting me for Christmas? I finally got opened. I felt proud to see the face of this smiling kid as she ripped the wrapping off of me.

I was the happiest present ever.

*By Emma the Present*

It's hard to be an elf, especially the boss wrapping elf. I get tape all over me. Also wrapping paper, bows and ribbons are stuck to my body. I'd like a pleasant vacation! I thought I should talk to Santa and see what he would say. So he said I could go on a vacation! Yippee Yippee!!

At my cottage I thought about my crew of worker elves. Suddenly my phone buzzed, "Come back," Santa demanded, "There are hundreds of presents to build still."

"Oh no!" I shouted into my cell phone. I rushed back

to the North Pole. I wrapped the last presents and placed three bows and heard a elf say there is no time for a bow!

I said there is always time for a bow! 3, 2, 1.

We did it, we're ready for Christmas. Santa can deliver the presents. Mission accomplished.

*By Cole*

It WAS CHRISTMAS EVE, I WAS harnessed to the very front of Santa's sleigh. I was nervous but when we took off a giant fog cloud was up ahead of us. The fog cloud got closer and closer. But suddenly my nose started to twitch. Next my nose started to tickle. Finally, my nose started to glow. It was so so cool. It was as bright as the sun. My nose has never glowed like that before so I LED all the reindeer back to the shop. I felt so proud! Santa even gave me a badge and what is said was BEST REINDEER AWARD.

The end

*By Bronson D.*

**Dear Father Christmas,**

It's Snowy, the elf. I'm exhausted cause it's crazy busy this time of year

I have been organizing and planning everything, I'm pooped and dizzy. I have been planning things like outfits, desserts, photos, dances, parties and TOYS! I think it's time for a vacation. Santa, come on I need a raise. Get a replacement! Come on, I'm stressed out! It is bazonkers!

Please Santa get me out of here!

Love Snowy, the elf!

PS Happy Holiday!

*By Lucy*

It was a cold winter day. It was a blizzard. There were snow flakes hitting my face. My carrot nose was freezing and had ice cubes hanging from it. My scarf blew into my face. My hat blew off my head. Brrr, I am going stand closed to the house to warm up a bit but not too much.

Ouch! I got hit by a plough truck. I was dizzy and confused.

*From Dawson Mueller*

Twass the night before Christmas when I was hanging on a Christmas tree...wait, what's that sound coming from

above me? Hey, there are black boots coming down the chimney! Is that Santa that the kids talk about?

"HO HO HO, hi little candy cane. How are you?" Santa shouted in a jolly voice.

"Oh, you're talking to me?"

"Do you mind if I put you in this stocking? I ran out of candy canes," asked Santa.

"Sure why not," said Candy Cane.

PLUCK! In the morning a kid opened his stocking, picked me up and ripped my wrapper off and started sucking on me! I struggled to break from this kid's grip. "AOOOOCH GET ME OUT OF YOUR MOUTH!" I screamed.

The end

*By Luke Cox*



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When I woke up this morning I was so excited! It was my first day making toys in Santa's workshop! I was so proud of myself and shocked too.

But I kept hammering the nails in the wrong spots. Ouch Ouch! What should I do, I asked myself. My body is really hurting a lot.

Oh Sorry, I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Flare the elf.

I saw many elves that I could ask for help! "There is the head elf," I said out loud. Can I have help I asked her.

"No!" she yelled at me in a grouchy voice.

Then I found a kind and generous elf who gave me lots of help. Now my toys are strong and sturdy! Oh and why is the head elf so mean.

I love being an elf!!

*By Carver Wherry*

#### Dear Santa Claus,

I work too hard. I've had enough of getting bossed around all the time. I hardly get paid for all of my hard work.

I just want to quit working at the north pole. My working days here are over. I just want my old life back. You always tell me to go back to the north pole when I am on vacation.

I just want to pack my bags and get out of here!

I taste a real like coming on, a life with more playtime and time to relax. I feel the wind blowing on my skin. I hear the call of the crow. I want you to be more generous with vacation time and I want you to understand that I feel so exhausted that I could move to Florida. Maybe if I have a vacation on my own, I will want to still be one of your special elves.

*From Chantelle Mavor, the elf*

#### Rudolf's Adventure

It was the night before Christmas when I was about to pull Santa's sleigh.

Oh I forgot to introduce myself. My name is Rudolf and I am going to pull the sleigh for the very first time. But I am afraid of heights and all of the other reindeer are making fun of me because I am the only reindeer that has a red nose and is afraid of heights. But I really do want to pull the sleigh.

But now it is time to load presents. After that I will practice flying high into the air. WOW this looks like fun AAA! HELP!SANTA!

Santa came running up to me as fast as he could. Now I had to say I was afraid of heights to Santa. I was embarrassed. After I told Santa. I felt so proud of myself because he gave me an idea! I could practice with a fly mask. After that I did flips, summersaults and hoops in the air.

Next I told Santa and got hooked to his sleigh to deliver presents to kids. It was a wonderful night.

*By Sophie*

#### Dear Santa,

It is me, one of your elves, Crystal. I am frustrated. I have been working so hard lately. I'm tired of making toys and

all this stress. I have blisters on my fingers, a headache, and there is tape everywhere. You told me to do this and this and this but I can only do one thing at a time. I wish I could have a vacation and a break the workshop. I WANT A BREAK! I hate this job. I quit!

*From Crystal, the elf*

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Hello Santa! My name is Stocking, your faithful little friend.

I am writing to you to ask that you PLEASE don't stretch me full of candy and presents this year. I beg you not to because I might rip and fall. It hurts my wool.

I love you Santa. Thank you for reading my letter, I will see you on Christmas eve hanging cozily by the fire.

From Stocking

PS I will be waiting. I love this job.

*By Emmeline Duffy*

It was the night before Christmas, I told Santa I was very nervous because I was the only one who was the leader and had a red nose. But when I got harnessed up and flew in the black night it was actually fun.

I got out balance and tumbled. Santa was getting away from me and my friends.

Oh no oh no I said. Santa said you're getting away. I'll pass the bag, you can do my job tonight. I'll do it.

It was done. Santa did not get lost. Thanks for the elves. He went to every house in the world then all the reindeer loved him.

*From Sydney Christian*

#### Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

When I got to Santa's village I was a little bit shy and scared. I was a little reindeer. Every thing was shiny and sparkly. It was all new to me. After a little while; I started to know the reindeer and they let me join in their games like Christmas tag and pin the tail on the reindeer. I was very proud of myself. I am not so shy any more. I am a part of Santa's village. We are good friends and have lots of fun. Now I am not the smallest reindeer any more. "I love it here" I yelled out loud.

The end

*By Tamara Bellefeuille*

#### Dear Santa Claus,

Hello it is me one of your elves, Ben. I am mad because

No other elves are working with me. Since I'm working so hard can I have a vacation please? All the other elves are being silly and I'm doing what I am supposed to do. PLEASE. This is a great job I want to stay here forever.

*From Ben*

One morning I woke up, looked over at my calendar and realized it was Christmas! "It is not easy being the head elf on Christmas day...reindeer to feed, presents to deliver, what a hectic life," I said to myself.

"Cookies," said Mrs. Claus.

"Yummy," said Jingle the elf.

"Cookie break is over, chop chop! We have gifts to deliver and to finish! Santa Claus is waiting.

Later on Santa delivered the gifts to the children. Everyone was happy except for me. I was busy with my new toy maker which of course was not working.

"I need a vacation," I said to Santa from that day on Santa gave me a good long vacation.

*By Bailey*

#### Dear Santa

I am begging you because I don't want to be eaten this year. I never get to see Christmas. PLEASE PLEASE, I really, really want to see Christmas! I wish I could just just just just see Christmas! Please don't chew and swallow me this year.

I really want you to let me see Christmas this year!

*By Bronson McCord (A.K.A Cookie)*

It's Christmas (a song)

It's time to go

I heard the chainsaw rumble...timber



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# Christmas is special because ...

I hit the ground  
Off I went in the back of a long truck  
Next I was rapped in a net  
I saw a truck pull in  
A family of 4 walked to me and said this  
is the one  
They took me home and went to bed  
In the morning they woke up and put  
Christmas lights on me.  
I lit up brightly  
Next they opened a box and two more  
They put Christmas decorations on me  
A week later it was Christmas!  
I saw Santa  
They woke up and rushed to the living  
room  
I saw the kids open the presents  
I had the best Christmas.  
*By Courtney Semach*

One day I was standing on my wooden  
trunk and talking to my every green friend  
and something cut into my bark. What is  
going on? I asked.

I fell on the road and a snow plough  
pushed me into a big snow bank YAWH!  
That hurt so much that the other side of  
the world could hear me say yaaaaooch! I  
was pulled out of the snowbank and into a  
house. The family decorated me. It was so  
exciting.

*By Curtis Mulock*

## Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer

One day I went to reindeer school and  
the other reindeer laughed at Me. So Santa  
came over to me and he asked me, Rudolph  
with your nose so bright will you glide my  
sleigh tonight? He hooked me on a Harness  
and attached me to the sleigh. I was nerv-  
ous but I got the hang of it. I am Rudolph  
the red nose Reindeer. I was proud of  
myself. I wonder if the other reindeer are  
proud of me to.

Santa this is fun.

*Lily Davies*

## Mr. Darlington's Class 2A

Christmas is a nice time to have a feast.  
It's time to remember when Jesus was born.  
When I see lots of presents I scream N-A-N-  
A! look at all of these presents! The best part  
is getting to play with my new toys with my  
brother.

*By Nevaeh*

## What Christmas Means to Me

At Christmas time we decorate the out-  
side of our house. We put a snowman out-  
side that lights up. We put up a fake Christ-  
mas tree downstairs but we get a real tree

for upstairis. All the presents go upstairs  
under the real tree. We leave out stockings  
for Santa to fill. My stocking is red. Santa  
puts toys and chocolate in them. We leave  
out cookies for Santa and carrots for his  
reindeer. The best part of Christ-  
mas is getting presents. At Christ-  
mas my family goes to my cous-  
ins house in Minden. It looks  
just like thanksgiving because  
we are coming to a dinner.  
We get to play  
outside and  
sometimes  
we play  
Angry Birds.  
*By Payton*

Christmas is a  
special time of year  
because you get to  
build snowmen,  
forts and  
throw  
snow-  
balls  
at your  
sister and  
brother. We  
have fun setting up the  
Christmas tree. My job  
is to put on the deco-



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# Dear Santa Claus,

rations. My favourite is the homemade snowflakes made of popsicle sticks.

At night we get to watch christmas movies. I like the Night Before Christmas. Christmas is the best because you get presents and the whole day to be with your family.

*By Alex*

Christmas is special because I get to open presents when I wake up. After I have breakfast I play with my new toys. Then I get to make a gingerbread house. Next I get to play outside. I play with my brothers. We make snow balls. I throw the snow balls at my brothers. Last I watch TV. I get to watch the Grinch. it is awesome. Finally I eat supper, for dessert I eat my gingerbread house.

*By Colleen Petric*

Christmas is special to me because I get to make gingerbread houses with my mom. Billy and I get to decorate the tree. On Christmas morning my Nana and Poppa come to my house and we all open presents. I am really Happy.

*By Carrie*

Christmas is ... love and joy. We get to make a gingerbread man. We leave cookies and milk for Santa. He comes and leaves lots of presents. We open presents when the family comes. For supper we eat turkey and stuffing. For dessert my mom brings out the Christmas coloured cake. It is good.

*By Madison*

Christmas is when you put up a Christmas tree, make a gingerbread house and spend time with your family.

You get to open presents on Christmas Day. I like to make cookies with icing. Its fun to be with my family.

*By Hannah Gartshore*

Christmas is special because we get to put the Christmas tree up. Then we get to open our presents. Next I make a card for Santa for next Christmas.

*By Talissa*

Christmas is special because Sterling and I get to make a gingerbread house and leave cookies and milk for Santa. Our family has pork or turkey for dinner. We open presents on Christmas Day.

*By Walker*

Christmas is special because we play in the snow and have snowball fights. Isaac and I make gingerbread houses with our Mom We drink hot chocolate, it tastes good I open presents Christmas Eve and Christmas morning.

*By Tyson Rousall*

Christmas is special to me. Christmas is awesome because we put up a tree and get presents. Our family has a feast and I get to read the Night Before Christmas.

*By Georgia Ray*

## Christmas

My family gets together and we build a hill so we can go sledding. Then we all go inside and have a feast. We eat turkey, ham, pickles, vegetables and salad. The meal is very tasty! After we finish we go downstairs and play video games.

*By Collin Thorpe*

On Christmas Day me and mom go out for dinner. I like the turkey best. Then we go home and I walk to my friends house. We play hockey in the backyard.

*By Gage Hutchinson*

Christmas is all about my family. I get to throw snowballs. Then the whole family comes over. We have a big feast together. My Favourite food is turkey. Finally every-



one sleeps at our house.

*By Damon Harriss*

Christmas is very special because you get presents and you get special meals. For dessert I have cake with pudding shaped into a Christmas tree and present. On Christmas night me and my mom and brothers put cookies on a plate with milk. On Christmas morning we look through stock-

**Merry Christmas**

Best wishes for a Happy New Year. Wishing you and your family peace, health and joy this holiday season.

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ings. Then we open the presents.

*By Annarose Kirkpatrick*

## Mrs. Little's Class 1 B

**Dear Santa,**

I've been watching toy commercials checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

A big monster truck is a cool toy because it is that BIG! The remote is really moving it. It is rippin! Kids can use it outside. Kids can drive it in the mud.

I will see you soon. What time are you coming?

*From Evan*

**Dear Santa,**

How is it up there?

I've been watching your commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick up the best toys from the long list that you get from children all over the world.

Skylanders Giants is a great toy because it's fantasy but shows up on the TV. It last a long time. There are a lot of Skylanders in the pack and you get a cannon and other parts.

*From Austen*

**Dear Santa,**

How is Rudolph? Is he OK? Is there a lot of snow?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Leap Pad 2 is a cool toy because you can download games and you can take real pictures. It has a stick like a D.S. Girls and boys could play.

*Your friend, Daimon*

**Dear Santa,**

I miss you from last

year. I miss your reindeer from last year.

I want you to come and see the Nutcracker.

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Lego friends is

a great toy because it is really colourful. It comes with all of the tiny pieces and you can buy all of the sets. It is fantasy but you can make the friends talk.

*Love Jaiden*

**Dear Santa,**

I love you. You are kind. How do you make toys so fast?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Leap Pad 2 is a great imagination toy because you can play with it

where ever you want. You can buy lots of games. Boys and girls can play it and you can have it forever, even if you are older.

*Love Baylie*

**Dear Santa,**

You are very nice. You are kind.

How are you going to get here

this Christmas?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over

the world.

Super Mario Bros. for WiiU is a great toy because you can play with it with a lot of people. You can play with it for a long time even if you are big. When you want to watch TV, you can play on your little screen. everybody can play with it. Boys and girls.

*From, Kaelem*

**Dear Santa**

It is rainy here. Do you have snow?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

VTech Dinos is a great toy because you don't have to put it together. You can transform it into a car or a dinosaur. You can still play it when you are big. Dinosaurs were real.

*From Austin*

**Dear Santa,**

I am giving you cookies at Christmas. How are you Santa?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Lego Friends Vet is a great toy because you can play with it for a long time. You can build lots of things. You don't get the whole city but you can get lots of pieces. It is fantasy, but you can make the car drive.

*Your friend, Sofie*



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**Dear Santa,**

Do you have a train? Do you have a picture of Rudolph? If you do have a picture of Rudolph may you please send it to me?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Lego city Goldmine is a totally cool toy because it is a train. It doesn't really move but you can move it. There is pretend dynamite that blows up a boulder. You have to build the tunnel and that's COOL!

*Your friend, Aden*

**Dear Santa,**

I miss you from last year. How are the reindeer?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Monster High is a good toy because it's a TV. show and it really has the characters. It's fantasy like the vampire girl. It comes with all those parts. It's really scary because the piano makes scary music. It's really that imaginative like when the house shakes.

*Love, Cheyenne*

**Dear Santa,**

How is Mrs. Claus? I am going to a Christmas party!

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will

help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Baby Butterscotch is a cool toy because she is real life size. It is fantasy but she pretends to eat. When you pet her she moves around. Girls and boys can have her.

*Love, Quinn*

**Dear Santa,**

My Christmas tree is all decorated for Christmas!

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Lego Friends Ranch is a great toy because you can build lots with it. It has a lot of pieces. It has a car and lots of Lego animals.

*Love Makenzie*

**Dear Santa,**

Did your sleigh fall? Are you okay and your reindeer too?

I've been watching toy commercials and



checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Doc McStuffins is a great fantasy toy because you can help her give Lamby a check-up. It has all of the parts. She is really that big. You can pretend she can do stuff like on the TV. show.

*Love, Sophia*

**Dear Santa,**

Are any of your elves sick? We are doing Christmas math. I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Butterscotch is a great toy because it eats the carrots because it is fantasy but real. It really moves and you can ride on it. Girls and boys might like it.

*Love Peyton P.*

**Dear Santa,**

How is Comet? How is Rudolph? How is Vixen?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to

see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Lalaloopsy is a wonderful toy because I have a Lalaloopsy and it last a long time. The hair really bends and curls. She is smaller than on TV. You can collect Lalaloopsy dolls.

*Love, Fallon*

**Dear Santa,**

How are your reindeer and you? How is Mrs. Claus? I wish that we had snow!

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

A Monster Truck is a cool toy because it looks cool when it is dirty. It really goes that fast! It can go over jumps and rocks and it is really that BIG!

*From Nathan*

**Dear Santa,**

I miss you Santa. I wonder if I can see Rudolph. Is there snow where you are?

I've been watching toy commercials and checking them twice to see if they are telling the truth about toys. Maybe this will help you to pick the best toys from the long lists that you get from children all over the world.

Nerf Hail Fire is an awesome toy because lots of bullets come with the gun. You don't have to put it together and it is really that BIG. It really shoots fast!

*Love, Peyt*

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*Thank You!*

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# All I want for Christmas is ...

## Letters to Santa from students in KA with help from their Grade 8 buddies

Dear Santa

How do you fly? Do you have a dog? Do you have a cat?



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Michelle and Shelley

What's your favourite Angry bird?

From William M.

Dear Santa,

What I want for Christmas is Barbie and the Popstars, a cat, a candy cane, spaghetti, car, flowers, gingerbread cookie, cake, a bunkbed, new blankets to go with my bunkbed, socks, sofia the first, new clothes for my new baby sister. Thank you.

From Jazmin

Dear Santa,

Here is my wish list: a remote control truck,  
a toy train

Lego  
hot wheels truck

Please and thank you

One more thing-Lego city.

From Nicholas

To Santa

I would like DS and DS Cars2, Thomas blue mountain mysteries DVD. Thank you.



From Cole

To Santa

I would like Avengers, Bumble Bee and for Mom a candy cane. I have been very good this year.

From William G

To Santa

What do you eat for Breakfast? How many reindeer do you have? What do the reindeer eat? Can I please have a race car and a new toboggan? A Spiderman Sk8board would be nice too.

From your best friend, Logan Beaver

To Santa

I would like to know if I am on the good list? I would also like to know how many elves you have? I would like a gingerbread man please and thank you.

From Braxton

Dear Santa

This is what I want for Christmas. I would like hot wheels cars. I also want a dog that squeaks. And I also want a squeaky cat.

From Andy. Thank you

Dear Santa

Hi my name is Carson. I am 4 years old. I would like a toy truck for Christmas. I would also like a toy dirt bike for christmas. I would also like frosty the snowman.

From Carson

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like a pony, a dog (black lab), a barbie doll. Also I would like a ring for my mother, a new tool set for my dad, toys for my brother, and a barbie doll for my sister. Please and thank you. That's all I want for christmas.

From Kayla

Dear Santa

For Christmas I would like a duck that squeaks. I would also like a doll, a stuffed giraffe, and a stuffed star. I also want a necklace.

From Grace

P.S. Please and thank you.

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**Dear Santa,**

For christmas I would like a doll. I would also like a red bouncy ball. I also want a stuffed giraffe, and glow in the dar stars.

*From Aylynn P.S. Please and thank you*

**Dear Santa**

I would like a TV. Also a ginger bread house. Also I would like a book about a snowman for christmas.

*Love: Dominc*

**To Santa**

Santa, I want a puzzle for Christmas! I would also like a little toy train, a beachball, a shovel and bucket for the beach and home! Santa I would also like a candy cane! *Please and thank you, Lillie*

**Dear Santa,**

I want a ginger bread man and a candy cane please. My brother Haiden wants a skateboard please. Mom wants a candle and Dad wants a car please and thank you.

*Love Erik*

**Dear Santa**

I would like a hot wheels track for Christmas please.

*From Wyatt*

**To Santa**

I would like a real phone, I would also like some toy ducks.

*Love Shayla*

**Dear Santa**

For Christmas I would like, robot, Barbie, fuzzy blanket, playdough, real helicopter, socks, computer, toy cat & dog. Please consider getting me this.

*From Lilianna*

**Dear Santa**

How do you get to the north pole? I'm so excited for christmas! Are you? For christmas I want a slushie maker, you can make lots of kinds of flavors. And I would like a cat. Please and thank you

*From Spencer*

**Dear Santa,**

I want a dolly, a train, a christmas Tree. My brother William wants cars for Christmas. Please and thank you.

*Serenity*

**Dear Santa**

For Christmas I would like a doll, clothes, book, tight building blocks, new hair clips, paint, bouncey balls and throwing balls. Also I would like a boat. Thank you

*Love from Ashley*





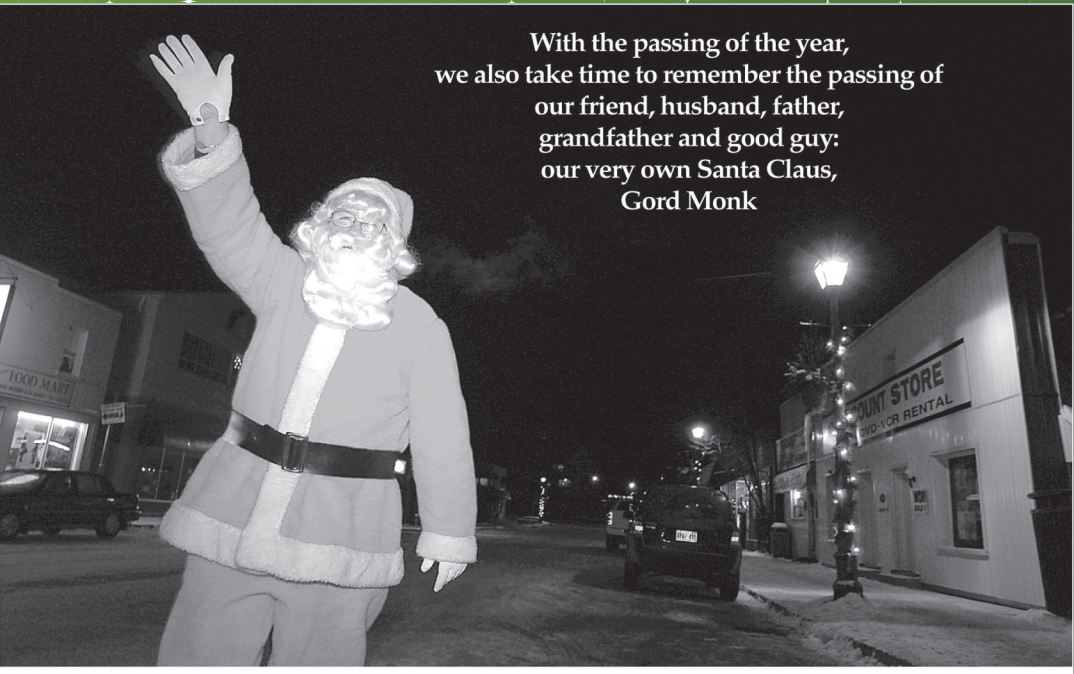
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# What Santa looks like

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Name: Nicole

What Does Santa Look Like?



- Santa has a hat
- a gift (outfit)
- a pipe or stick
- and a beard

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*Carol, Bob & Bill*





Name: Logan

What Does Santa Look Like?



- hat
- Beard
- Mustache (mustache)
- Belt

Name: Miley

What Does Santa Look Like?



- Hat
- Red Boots (boots)
- Red Jacket (red jacket)
- Black Belt (black belt)

Name: Hardeh

What Does Santa Look Like?



- Catagress Santa has
- Hagubers a beard
- and what and a hat
- and what and Santa has
- and what elf

### "Behold, the Lamb of God."

John 1:29

May the light of love and joy shine  
on you and your family throughout the year.  
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Name: Jayde



What Does Santa Look Like?

. S H H S B E L L E Santa has a big belly  
 . H H a hat  
 . B I G S A C K sack of toys  
 . W H I T E white beard

Name: Tordyn

What Does Santa Look Like?

. B I G B E L L Y  
 . B I G B E L L Y  
 . W H I T E (white hair)  
 . H E H A S A H O T hat

Name: Clair

What Does Santa Look Like?




. B E R D (beard)  
 . S M I L E (smile)  
 . B E L T (belt)  
 . B O O T S (boots)



Santa has a big belly  
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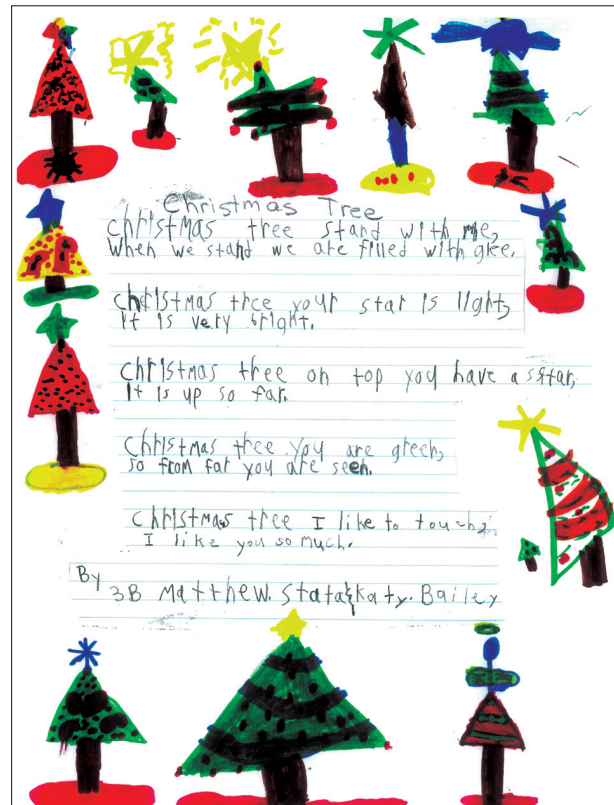


Dear SANTA Jade  
 I W T L K S U P  
 N O P L P A G L T g  
 I L W A L S U P A B A B  
 A M O S H I K I M O  
 I N A I P A D

Your friend,

(I would like a glitter globe  
for Christmas and an iPod)

From... Adam  
 TO MS Bitt



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 can I have a will  
 and hot Wels  
 and mario stufes  
 and and MOPLEY

Your friend,  
Logan

 **Elves** 

Little elves every where,  
 Working for Santa over there.

Elves making toys for the girls and boys,  
 For the christmas day.

The elves are green,  
 red and white;  
 And they cant wait for tonight.

Little elves with their dangly hats  
 Making those christmas mats.



The elves are getting the reindeer ready for  
 Santas flight,  
 On this cold and foggy night.

When elves sing,  
 It makes jingle bells ring.

The elves have magic powers they can make,  
 Anything like toys and flowers.

When elves make toys,  
 They get a lot of Christmas joy.

By TY Mills & Ava Smith  
 3B


**Santa**


Santa is giving out presents  
 tonight,  
 He is rather helpful so do not  
 think of him as a fright.

Santa is caring and kind,  
 We think of him in our mind.  
 He rides on eight reindeer,  
 We see him and cheer.

He goes to houses to leave  
 toys,  
 This is for the girls and boys.

By Grace Hudson, Gage Spencer,  
 Dakota McKinley  
 3B





**The Reindeer's Christmas**

When I see the reindeer,  
 It makes me want to cheer.


When I see a reindeer run,  
 I think they're having fun.

When reindeer are done  
 they need to fly home.


This is a place where they can  
 roam.

Reindeer games they will play,  
 They will have a great Christmas day.

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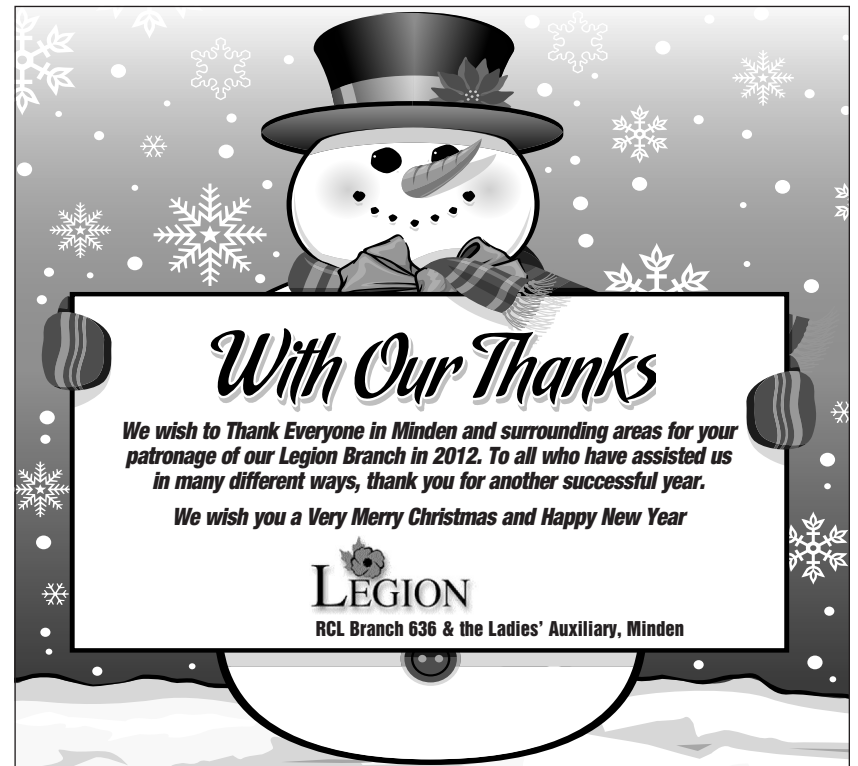
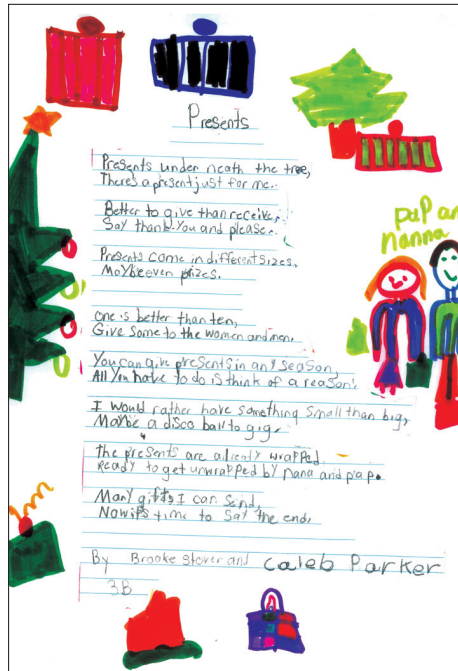
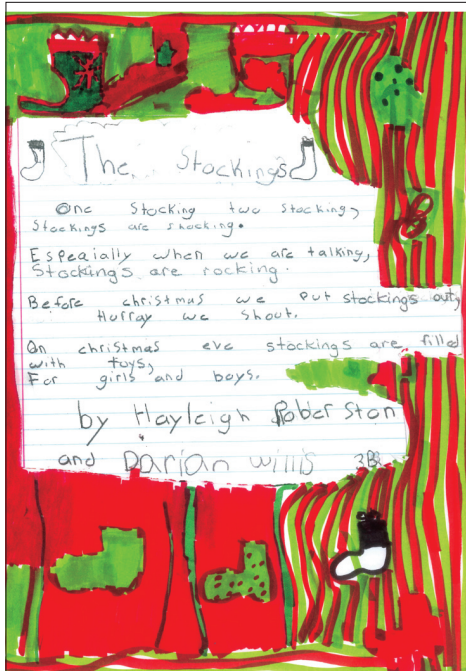
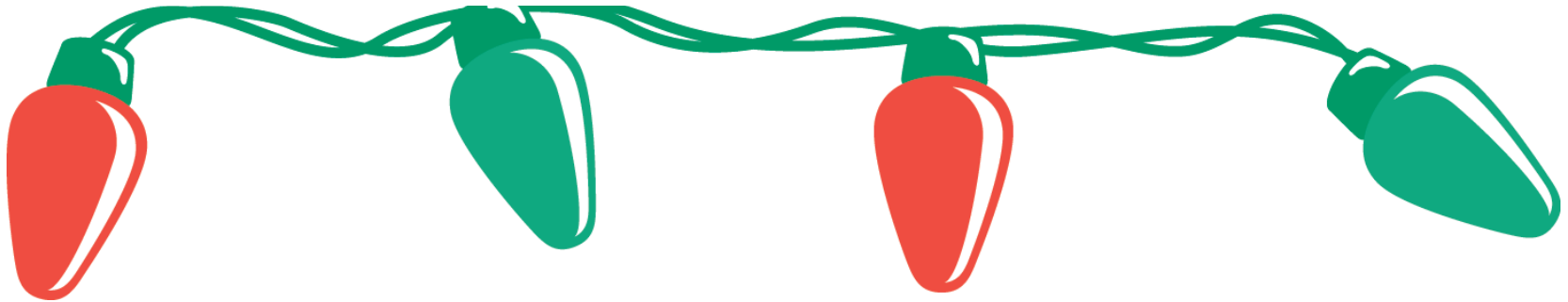
Wishing you all a safe and  
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Maple Lake United Church (Hwy 118) - 10am  
Minden United Church (21 Newcastle) - 11am

### Sunday, December 16

and Cantata: 'Glorious Christmas'  
by joint choirs of Zion & Minden United Churches:  
at ZION 9:00am and MINDEN 7:00pm  
Join Minden's 'Turkey on a Bun' Supper 5:30pm:  
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### CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

December 24  
ZION - 3:00pm Family Service  
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#### SOLEMNITY OF CHRISTMAS:

CHRISTMAS EVE  
Monday December 24th, at 7:00p.m.

#### FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH  
Saturday December 29th Vigil Mass at 4:30p.m.

#### SOLEMNITY OF MARY,

MOTHER OF GOD:  
NEW YEAR'S EVE  
Monday December 31st, at 4:30p.m.

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD:  
January 5th at 4:30p.m.

## St. Patrick's Parish Christmas & New Years Mass Schedule:

### St. Patrick's Church, Kinmount

December 24th  
7:00 PM Children & Family Christmas  
Mass  
December 25th  
9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass  
January 1st  
9:00 AM Feast of Mary Mother of God

### Our Lady of Fatima Church Minden

December 24th  
5:00 PM Children's  
Christmas Mass & Pageant  
December 24th  
9:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass  
December 25th  
10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass  
December 31st  
5:00 PM Feast of Mary Mother of God

## Christmas and Epiphany at St. George's

December 23 (9:30 a.m.) - Festival of Readings and Carols

### CHRISTMAS EVE

December 24 (2:00 p.m.) at St. Margaret's, Wilberforce  
December 24 (7:30 p.m.) at St. George's, Haliburton  
Choir and Carols before the service at 8 p.m.  
December 25 (10 a.m.) - Christmas Day at St. George's

December 30 (9:30 a.m.) - Christmas  
January 6 (9:30 a.m.) - Epiphany

January 13 (9:30 a.m.) - Baptism of the Lord  
Guest Worship Leaders Nick Adams and  
"Church of Rock."  
(services at St. Margaret's -  
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From left, Barry Butler, Reeve Carol Moffatt, Tom Brooks and James Moore stand in Algonquin Highlands council chambers Dec. 13 with a special plaque for the township. A donation of \$100 was made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children by the Shrine Club of Algonquin on the township's behalf.

Photo submitted by Barry Butler

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## Job well done

Second-vice-president Francine Newton of the Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch 636 with new president Keith Welborn accepted the Ontario Trillium Foundation plaque in recognition of the \$15,140 from MPP Laurie Scott at the Minden branch. This past summer the money helped fund the residing of the 5,000-square-foot two-storey building. The building hosts various community events.

Darren Lum Staff

## Local band performs at President's Levee

Photos by  
Darren Lum



The Highland Trio's Dave Piercey on guitar performs during the Royal Canadian Legion branch 636 President's Levee on Saturday, Dec. 15.



The Highlands Trio band Dave Piercey, left, Frank Kelly, guest musician Linda Wood on fiddle, and Mike Clewlow perform during the Royal Canadian Legion branch 636 President's Levee on Saturday, Dec. 15. The local band performed a variety of country and folk songs, including covering Canadian icon Gordon Lightfoot.

## Please join us for Christmas Worship

and m Holy Communion at one of the  
following Christmas Eve Services

**Monday December  
24<sup>th</sup>.2012**

St. James Anglican Church, Kinmount	4:00 PM
St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden,	7:00 PM
St. Peter's Anglican Church, Maple Lake	9:00 PM



## Minden Legion closed Christmas Day

### The County of Haliburton



### NOTICE

The Council of the County of Haliburton will be discussing the draft 2013 budget at the January 9, 2013 Standing Committees of Council and at the regularly scheduled County Council meeting on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden. At this time Council may also consider amendments to the County Fee Bylaw. The public is invited to attend.



### Legion br. 636

The Royal Canadian Legion Minden branch 636 held our annual President's Levee on Saturday, Dec. 15. A special thanks to the Highlands Trio who provided the entertainment for the levee as well as on Friday night. We want to thank the volunteers who made and served the refreshments and for Murray King for acting as bartender all weekend.

Our normal activities will be taking place this week. The Minden Legion will be closed Christmas Day and Boxing Day. The club room will be open Dec. 24, 27 and 28. All are welcome to come in to enjoy the Minden Legion.

We are planning to hold a loonie auction near the end of January and would appreciate donations of any new or nearly-new items. Please bring donations to the Legion on Saturdays or Sundays between 12:30 and 3:30 p.m.

Cribbage may be coming back to the Minden Legion in the New Year! Watch this space in the future for information about day and time.



# Reads of the week



## Book of the Week

*The Devil and Sherlock Holmes: Tales of Murder, Madness & Obsession* by David Grann

What happens when you mix edge-of-your-seat investigative journalism with some of the world's strangest unheard-of mysteries? You get *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes* by David Grann, a collection of essays that explore true crime gone unsolved, people who are obsessed with the unusual things they do, and the weirdest conspiracies the world has to offer. From the mystery surrounding the suspicious death of one of the world's foremost Sherlock Holmes experts to the infiltration of the Aryan brotherhood into the United States prison system, *The Devil and Sherlock Holmes* proves that truth is indeed stranger than fiction. You can reserve this title in print or talking book formats at the Haliburton County Public Library.

## Junior Book of the Week Young Adult Title

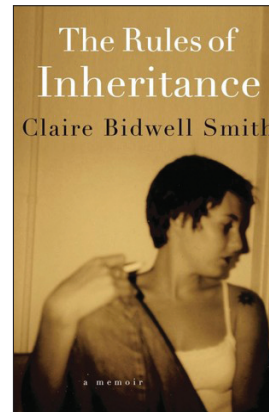
*Cinder* by Marissa Meyer  
The story of Cinderella, the virtuous girl

who lived a wretched life amongst her evil step mother and sisters, until her goodly actions allow her to win the love of a fair and noble man, is one of the world's most well-recognized fairy tales. *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer offers readers a new take on this age old classic, in which Cinderella becomes Linh Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg living in New Beijing. A second-class citizen with a mysterious past, Cinder's life becomes unexpectedly intertwined with the handsome Prince Kai's, and as their paths converge, she finds herself falling in love with a man that she can never have. The first in a series, *Cinder* is an imaginatively futuristic read, available to reserve from the library today.



## Local Celebrity Read

Jenn Watt, managing editor of *The Haliburton Echo*, *Minden Times* and *Bancroft*



*This Week*, recently enjoyed *The Rules of Inheritance*, a stunning memoir by Claire Bidwell Smith. *The Rules of Inheritance* is the telling of how a young girl lives through the death of her mother, then her father, to cancer," explains Watt. "Starting when Smith is 14, the prospect of death and mortality is thrust upon her psyche. This book chronicles how she struggles to overcome that grief. Told with incredible honesty, *The Rules of Inheritance* breaks open the experience of loss – and the psychological aftershocks –

and takes the reader safe to the other side." "While it might seem that the subject matter is overly dark, the truth is this book is inspirational," Watt concludes. "We see the clumsy process of grief, the stunning pain of it, but also how someone can learn from it and become a full person again. Not to mention – she is a breathtakingly good writer."

## News & Events

Free holiday children's programming is set for the Minden Hills, Dysart and Wilberforce branches of the Library! Stop by Minden Dec. 27, Jan. 2 (10 to 11 a.m.); Dysart Dec. 29, Jan. 4 (10 to 11 a.m.); or Wilberforce Dec. 28, Jan. 3 (12:30 to 1:30 p.m.) for stories, games and crafts.

All featured books available at  
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# RIDE program continues

The Ontario Provincial Police carried out Week 3 of their Festive RIDE campaign with a continued strong presence throughout the province.

As of Sunday, Dec. 16 (23 days into the campaign), the OPP have charged 432 drivers with impaired driving and issued 404 Administrative Driver's Licence Suspensions (ADLS) for registering a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) between .05 and .08 (known as the Warn Range).

With just over two weeks left in the campaign, the OPP are once again reminding everyone to plan ahead when heading out for holiday season social outings that involve alcohol consumption. Arrange for

a taxi or designated driver ahead of time, or arrange for overnight accommodations so that you do not have to drive.

If you are hosting a party and serving alcohol, offer to help your guests make those arrangements so that no one is at risk of getting behind the wheel impaired when your party is over.

For the remaining 17 days of the campaign, the OPP are hoping that every encounter they have during their RIDE stops are with sober drivers, and they are warning that those who are not will be dealt with to the fullest extent of the law.

The OPP Festive RIDE campaign runs from Nov. 24 to Jan. 2.

# Holiday hours for health unit

Area residents are being asked to take note of holiday closure dates at health unit offices over the next few weeks.

The arrival of the holiday season means that the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's offices in Port Hope, Brighton, Haliburton and Lindsay will be closed on Dec. 24, 25 and 26. All four offices will re-open on Dec. 27 and 28 for their regular 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. business hours.

On the following week, local health unit offices will be closed on December 31 and

Jan. 1. Regular office hours will resume in the New Year on Jan. 2.

The health unit advises that the office holiday closures will affect the times that people can drop off their well water samples for testing. To check drop-off times, people are encouraged to check with their local Health Unit office or call toll-free at 1-866-888-4577.

People can still access information about health unit programs and services any time online at [www.hkpr.on.ca](http://www.hkpr.on.ca).



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## All stars

Minden hosted an all-star hockey game Dec. 16 involving seven hockey associations from the Muskoka-Parry Sound Hockey League. Teams represented included the Highland Storm, Almaguin Ice Devils, Huntsville Otters, Port Carling Thunder, North Muskoka Lightning, South Muskoka Bears and Parry Sound Shamrocks.

Photo submitted By Dana Manning

# Novices head to Huntsville

This past Wednesday, the Highland Storm Novice headed to Huntsville. The Otters got off to a good start scoring quickly in the first. The Storm got one on the board with an unassisted goal by Hunter Winder. The Otters kept playing strong, and just couldn't be held back. Colin Glecoff got another one for the Storm in the third. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to win the game.

On Saturday we hosted the South Muskoka Bears, although it was one of our strongest showings of the year, lady luck was not on our side and we were shut out 2-0. A great effort by all.

On Sunday morning Team Duchene in the Novice division of the All Star game was represented by goaltender Damon Harriss, players Colin Glecoff, Nick Phippen, Ava Smith and Hunter Winder.

After three entertaining periods Team Hodgson prevailed with a 5-2 win, with a strong showing by Highland Storm reps with great goal tending by Harriss, Phippen one goal, one assist, Glecoff 1 assist and strong defensive play by Smith and good hustle from Winder.

On Sunday evening, we headed back up to Huntsville. Again the Otters played a strong game, we went into the second period down five.

Nick Phippen puts us on the board early in the second.

The Storm picked up some steam going into the third, however it was not quite enough to win. Another outstanding game between the pipes for Damon Harriss and strong game defensively for Ava Smith.

Game ends 7-1.

Submitted by Trish Phippen

## Storm plays strong

On Dec. 13, the Pepper Mill Atom A team hosted the Sturgeon Thunder in an exhibition game. After not playing a game in two weeks the boys came out strong. The first goal of the night coming midway through the first period was scored by Ryan Hall after a pass to the blue line by Zach Morissette during four-on-four play. Evenly matched, the boys continued to apply the pressure but the competition

managed to sneak two past Dylan Keefer in net. Then with only five minutes remaining in the second Zach accepts a pass and skated up the ice, out skated the opposition and put it in the net which brought the score to two all. After a flood and a rest the boys started out strong for the third. The Little boys teamed up with Isaac passing to Alex for a third goal and to put the Storm boys in the lead. Sturgeon Thunder retaliated with two quick goals. Unfortunately, the Storm boys lost their steam and couldn't regain the lead. The game was lost 5-3.

On Saturday, Dec. 15 the Pepper Mill Atom A Storm hosted the Huntsville Otters who brought their game. The only goal by Storm was scored by Ryan Hall. The final score was 6-1 Otters.

Sunday, Dec. 16 the Highland Storm played host to the MPS All-Star Games.

Two teams Duchene and Hodgson were represented by up to four players from each team. Goalie Dylan Keefer, centre Zach Morissette and defensemen Isaac Little and Ethan Glecoff represented their team well. Special thanks to all the organizers and sponsors of the event for a great day for all.

Submitted by Jennifer Little



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## Health Unit Holiday Hours

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## Office Closure

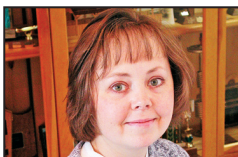
The Health Unit's Haliburton office will be closed from noon to 1 pm on Friday, December 21, 2012.

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**Melissa Alfano**  
Dorset News

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From Barb Townes: "We've always known Dorset is a community with a heart! Once again four Santa helpers and his elves were out collecting 1.16 tons of food and toys last Wednesday night (Dec. 5), along with financial contributions for the annual Salvation Army Food and Toy Drive. Back at Lions Camp Dorset there were 20 people unloading the returning vehicles and sorting and packing everything. As always, your support is sincerely appreciated. THANK YOU from the Dorset Community Project Group, Dorset Lions and Friends. A buggy will be in Robinson's store for a week or so if you forgot or were missed."



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Participants in the program can order a variety of fresh, organic sprouts or micro-greens including alfalfa, ancient eastern blend, broccoli, chef's blend, clover, sandwich booster, spring salad mix, crunchy bean mix, radish, pea shoots, sunflower greens and by special request, wheat grass. Sprouts are delivered within 36 hours of harvesting and kept refrigerated until pick up. For more information on these natural super foods and how to fit them into your diet, visit [www.fourseasonsgreens.com](http://www.fourseasonsgreens.com) or call 705-405-0449.

There is still time to visit the Huntsville library to view Dorset artist and landscape painter, Elizabeth Johnson's exhibit, Walks in Beauty. The exhibition will be on display at the library until Dec. 21. For more information, contact the library at 705-789-5232.

The Dorset Recreation Centre and other administrative offices in Algonquin Highlands will be closing for the Christmas break at noon on Monday, Dec. 24 and will be reopening regular hours on Wednesday, Jan. 2. For more information, visit [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca) or call 705-489-2379.

Algonquin Highlands understands that losing a pet is a traumatic experience. As a service to Algonquin Highlands residents and visitors, the township has created a webpage where information about lost or found pets can be posted with the hope that this can help increase the chances of returning a pet to its home.

Visit [www.algonquinhighlands.ca](http://www.algonquinhighlands.ca) and on the right side of the home page you will see "Popular Topics." Click on the box and in the drop down menu, click on "Lost and Found Pets." This will bring you to the correct page. To report a lost or found pet, email [webmaster@algonquinhighlands.ca](mailto:webmaster@algonquinhighlands.ca) or call 705-489-2379. They are only able to post dogs and cats lost/found within the geographic boundaries of Algonquin Highlands. You will need to provide contact information (and by doing so agreeing to have it posted on the webpage), date lost/found, area lost/found, name and type of pet, type of collar, size and weight, colour and markings, age, tag, license or tattoo, recent photo if possible and any other pertinent identifiers.

Birthday wishes for Dec. 16 to 22 go out to Thomas Keown and Jim Jones. Be sure to give me a call or drop me a line to send wishes to your special loved ones or even you! So, for all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my email address which is [malfano@hotmail.ca](mailto:malfano@hotmail.ca) or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.



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# Merry Christmas from our home to yours



**Patti Fleury**  
Around the Town

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Sunday's icy rain made for a perfect day to stay put and decorate the Christmas tree. For so many years our family would leave the city for the farmhouse and once settled in head off to the woods where the evergreen would be chosen. With tree in tow the walk back would be much slower not just due to the weighty, snow laden Scotch pine but because Spunky the collie dog would make frequent stops to clean snow from her paws. When the children were growing up every year Bruce and I would choose an ornament for each of them which they delighted in hanging on the tree within arm's reach. Years later this tradition still continued but as a family exchange and on today's tree many of those early treasures still hold a place of honour. One year we arrived to find the strings of lights misplaced and made an emergency run to the original Fenelon Falls Hardware to end up with the last string still in stock. I am sure the Fleury family had the only tree on the Galway Road festooned with 12 flashing blue smurfs. No longer do we head out to the field to cut the tree. Instead today's model is artificial complete with tiny white lights but late at night

against the darkness it is still beautiful. By just squinting my eyes I can still imagine those little blue smurfs dancing in the branches. Merry Christmas from our home to you and yours and every best wish for a 2013 full of promise.

The *Kinmount Gazette's* December issue and the website [www.kinmount.ca](http://www.kinmount.ca) are both good sources to keep up with holiday schedule changes. The Kinmount library normally open on Tuesdays will be closed on both Christmas and New Year's Day. At the Legion branch 441 Kinmount dance in the New Year on Monday, Dec. 31 starting at 8 p.m. The cost is only \$15/per person and this includes favours, spot and door prizes and a midnight hot and cold buffet. Tickets are available at the Legion. To more formally ring in 2013, Legion president Mary-Lou Ferguson invites everyone to the annual President's Levee in the clubroom on Tuesday, Jan. 1 at 2 p.m.

The Kinmount and District Lions Club is still collecting your kind donations of new, unwrapped toys and food items from under the Angel Trees located around town and getting ready to pack the Christmas hampers. Assisting area families is an ongoing project of the club and appreciation is extended to those who have and will continue to make their generous donations.

So much of the lifestyle sought and cherished in smaller rural communities depends on the great volunteers who give so freely of their time and talents both on an individual basis or through their organizations. A

call has gone out from Kinmount's Winterfest Planning Committee for ideas and volunteers to make this year's event set for Sunday, Feb. 24 the best ever. Festivities will start off with a pancake breakfast at the community centre then the fun moves to the arena and fairgrounds for family events both in and out of doors. For high school students looking to complete their volunteer hours this would be a great assignment.

The new Kinmount tartan should soon be spotted around town worn by those folks lucky enough to find such gifts under their tree. The tartan designed on the historical and natural environmental information provided is then woven at the mill in Scotland and made there into a variety of items such as men's ties and caps, scarves and tams. Sales of the initial supply have gone well and for information on purchasing or ordering for future delivery please give Diane a call at 705-488-2635.

This column will not end with the usual "until next week" but instead until next year. Last Friday's tragedy in small town Connecticut serves to remind that you don't need to stand under the mistletoe to give someone a hug or share a loving word. One mental health expert interviewed reinforced the need to encourage creativity and volunteerism in our younger generation and take the economic return out of the portrayal of violence in electronic games, films and television.

Sounds like a good place to start.  
Have a wonderful holiday season.

## A bustling Christmas at Ma's



**Gina Atkinson**  
Stanhope Life

705-489-2008  
pinereflections@sympatico.ca

Sometimes in writing this column I forget that it's a job since I enjoy it so much, it's not until I get invited to the annual Christmas luncheon at the Echo office that I get a reminder that I am indeed an employee! This year I was able to attend and it is always a pleasure to see all the others. Through the years I have come to know and appreciate the different aspects of this business. Before this little job I had never considered myself as a writer, it pretty much fell into my lap so I really appreciate the opportunity to explore this other side of myself and am very proud to be part of the "gang." Thank you!

Sunday was our annual Christmas lunch at Ma's, as you remember that means 16 people in a cozy condo shoulder to shoulder, which translates to lots of conversation and tons of food. Speaking of translations Ma prior to this lunch wrote down her "menu" and had a neighbour take the Italian list and translate it into Eng-

lish. This was done specially for this column. You see my Ma is quite taken with the fact that she is featured here periodically. She does have a following and I'm sure that she chats with her friends about how her escapades make the paper. Lately, there hasn't been anything too dramatic happening in her life and at age 87 I'm glad there isn't! She is fiercely independent and any talk of the family taking over this Christmas tradition is frowned upon by her. So this is the simple lunch we were offered: homemade gnocchi and ravioli cooked in her special tomato sauce loaded with mozzarella and parmesan cheeses then baked in the oven. As if roasted rabbit and turkey weren't enough, there was also the homemade meatballs and sausages. The sides were fried artichokes and an assortment of mushrooms. Three salads - green beans, roasted red peppers and a mixed green and this

is also mixed with fennel, broccoli as well as the usual

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# Notices



**Notice of Special  
Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting**  
Tuesday, January 15th, 2013  
Minden Hills Council Chambers  
at 10:00 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that a Special Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting has been called for Tuesday, January 15th, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The Special meeting will be held at the Minden Hills Council Chambers. The purpose of the Special Meeting is to allow Council an opportunity to discuss and provide direction to staff for the preparation of the 2013 Budget.

Nancy Wright-Laking, B.A., CMO, CMMIII  
CAO/Clerk/EDO



**NOTICE OF CHANGE IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE/  
GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR JANUARY 2013**  
**Rescheduled: Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

Notice is hereby given that the Committee of the Whole/General Committee Meeting is being rescheduled from January 10th, 2013 to January 17th, 2013 (10:00 a.m. public session).

Council has authorized an amendment to its Procedural By-law to reflect a permanent change in that the first Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting of each year is to be held on the third Thursday of January. The Council meeting in January 2013 will remain on the last Thursday of the month, at which time Council will consider the amendment of its Procedural By-law.

Nancy Wright-Laking, B.A., CMO, CMMIII  
CAO/Clerk/EDO

# The perfect gift

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tomatoes and lettuce – did I mention lots of garlic? Now for the dessert: homemade ice cream cake, which she soaked in rum, espresso coffee and walnuts. Then there was the Panettone, which is the Italian version of Christmas cake but does not resemble it whatsoever. This was served with xpresso coffee with you guessed it ... Sambuca liquor. Not everything is served or doused in alcohol; there was also a beautiful platter of fresh fruit.

I don't know how she does it but by the time we arrive it is all ready for us which probably means she didn't sleep much the night before because she is quite eager to get rid of everyone by early afternoon so she can nap!

This Saturday is Alyssa Stiver's 13th birthday! Where has all the time gone? She is taller than me (OK, it doesn't take much!) and this is the stage where buying her gifts is almost close to impossible except for my Ma. Years ago when Alyssa was only around seven Ma gave her a selection of pasta for her birthday and I still recall a somewhat angry child being almost forced to thank her great nonna for the gift. Well history repeated itself Sunday when Ma again gave her a huge box of assorted pastas, this time Alyssa was absolutely thrilled, you see pasta is Alyssa's favourite meal, that and the cash in the envelope!

It's been a pleasure watching her grow up into a teen-

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**Notice of Draft Official Plan Amendment (OPA 9)  
and Open House for the Township of Minden Hills Official Plan Update**

On September 28th, 2012, the Township of Minden Hills Planning Committee reviewed and recommended to Council that the Township's draft Official Plan Amendment be circulated for public review and comment. On November 29th, 2012, Township Council formally received the draft Amendment to become a public document and further directed that draft document be the subject of a 4-month period of public consultation.

The draft Official Plan Amendment and Consolidated Official Plan together with seven (7) new land use maps are available on-line at [www.seodevspace.com/mindenpub/notices.shtml](http://www.seodevspace.com/mindenpub/notices.shtml). Copies of the Plan can also be reviewed at the Township Office (Planning and Building) located at 7 Milne Street or the Minden Hills Cultural Centre located at 174 Bobcaygeon Road. Copies of the Consolidated Draft Official Plan are also available for purchase from the Township Office.

Interested members of the public are also welcome to attend an Open House with Planning Committee to review and discuss the draft Official Plan Amendment. The Open House will be held on:

- Friday, February 8th, 2013 from 6 pm to 8 pm; and,
- Saturday, February 9th, 2013 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
- Location – Room Number 2 - Community Centre, 55 Parkside Ave., Minden

Please note that a concurrent Amendment, referred to as OPA 8, is also under consideration by Council. This Amendment deals with development on lands accessed by private roads. If approved, OPA 8 would be integrated with the Official Plan Update.

If you cannot attend the Open Houses but would like to submit comments for Council consideration or would like further information regarding this project, please contact Ms. Elinor Kernohan at the Township 705-286-1260 x206, e-mail [ekernohan@mindenhills.ca](mailto:ekernohan@mindenhills.ca) or Mr. Chris Jones of Municipal Planning Services (705) 796-8771 or e-mail [chris\\_mplanningservices@rogers.com](mailto:chris_mplanningservices@rogers.com).

Please note that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed Amendment is approved, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Planning Board to the Ontario Municipal Board.

Also please note that if a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed Amendment is approved, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Nancy Wright-Laking  
CAO/Clerk/EDO



**PLANNING ACT, R.S.O. 1990**  
**NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**  
**(By-law – 12-88)**  
**(Application No. RZ-12-11)**

(Part of Lot 12, Concession 10, geographic Township of Minden)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 12-88 on the 13th day of December, 2012 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 8th day of January, 2013, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act. An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 19th day of December, 2012.

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law Amendment to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

- the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

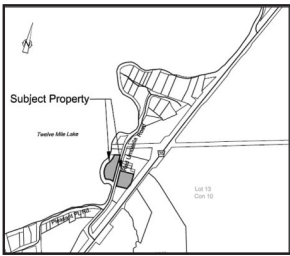
**EXPLANATORY NOTE**  
**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS**  
**BY-LAW NO. 12-88**

Being a By-law under the provisions of Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to amend the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, with respect to a parcel of land at Part of Lot 12, Concession 10 in the geographic Township of Minden.

By-law 12-88 rezones the subject lands from the Recreational Commercial (C3) Zone to the Recreational Commercial Exception Twenty (C3-20) Zone in order to recognize deficient setback dimensions for existing buildings and structures, notwithstanding Section 5.2 Table 4 of the Zoning By-law to the contrary, and to include site specific lot regulations for the adjacent parking lot in the Open Space Exception One (OS-1) Zone to recognize setback deficiencies in relation to the parking lot, notwithstanding Section 4.21.6(d) of the Zoning By-law to the contrary.

This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills.

(Ms.) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST  
Planning Administrator  
Township of Minden Hills  
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street  
Minden, ON K0M 2K0  
Tel. 705-286-1260 Ext. 206





# Dress like the '50s

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ager and being a big part of her life. Alyssa shares her birthday week with her other Grandmother Mary Stiver. I was the “nonna” and Mary was the “meme.” Together, as grandmother’s words can express the joy Alyssa has given us throughout the years.

Happy birthday to both of you! In a few weeks January will be here so for those of you who haven’t purchased your tickets for the dance that the Haliburton County Historical Society are holding – what are you waiting for?

This dance is going to be held on Jan. 12 at the Wild Moose located on 1701 Wigamog Road. It’s referred to as a Live Band 3 annual Golden Slipper Music Era” and we are encouraged to dress in the ‘50s style.

Tickets are only 10 each and can be obtained personally at Pine Reflections Gift and Garden Centre or by calling 705-754-0427.

If you have anything you would like to share like birthdays, anniversaries or any other special events please let me know and I will gladly include it in this column.

Have a good week!



## NOTICE

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider the following amendment(s) to its Procedural By-law at its regular Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 31st, 2013 at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden:

- That the January Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting be rescheduled from the second Thursday in January to the third Thursday in January to accommodate the timing of departmental reports for the Committee of the Whole/General Committee meeting for the 2013 year and subsequent years;
- That the Committee of the Whole/General Committee meetings scheduled for the months of July and August be cancelled, with only regular Council meetings being held those two months.

Nancy Wright-Laking, CAO/Clerk/EDO  
(705) 286-1260 ext. 217  
nwright-laking@mindenhills.ca

## Notices

### THE CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**IN THE MATTER OF** the Municipal Act; and **IN THE MATTER OF** a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton to convey to the adjoining landowner, an inaccessible portion of property, situated in part of Lot 4 Concession 1, within the Geographic Township of Minden, in the Municipality of Minden Hills.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its meeting to be held in the Council Chambers of the Administration Building on Newcastle Street, in the Village of Minden, Ontario, on January 23, 2013, a by-law to convey a parcel of land described as follows:

**Portion of inaccessible lands, situated in Part of Lot 4, Concession, 1 in the Geographic Township of Minden, in the Municipality of Minden Hills designated as Part No. 1, as shown on Plan 19R 1121 registered AUGUST 10, 1976.**

The plan of survey is available for inspection at the Roads Department Office, 3 St. Germaine St., Minden, Ontario during office business hours. (8:30 am. to 4:30 pm., Monday to Friday)

The above described lands, by resolution, have been declared to be surplus.

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that before passing the said by-law at its meeting to be held as noted above, the Council of the County of Haliburton shall then and there hear in person, or by his counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

**DATED** at Minden, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2012.

Enquiries may be directed to:

Angela Horner, Administrative Assistant  
Phone: (705) 286-1762  
Fax No.: (705) 286-4881  
Email: ahorner@county.haliburton.on.ca

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## POCKETT



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## Coming Events

### CALL FOR ENTRY

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**Saturday January 12 at 4 pm**

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**December 24th**

7:00 PM Children & Family Christmas Mass

**December 25th**

9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass

**January 1st**

9:00 AM Feast of Mary Mother of God

**Our Lady of Fatima Church**

**Minden**

**December 24th**

5:00 PM Children's Christmas Mass & Pageant

**December 24th**

9:00 PM Christmas Midnight Mass

**December 25th**

10:30 AM Christmas Day Mass

**December 31st**

5:00 PM Feast of Mary Mother of God



# community calendar

**Post your event for free on the web. Go to: [www.mindentimes.ca](http://www.mindentimes.ca) or Community Calendar link at: [www.haliburtonecho.ca](http://www.haliburtonecho.ca)**

**Head Lake Grill Toy Drive:** Bring in a New unwrapped toy or gift card and receive 10% off your bill, as well as a chance to win a weekly prize of \$25 gift certificate at Head Lake Grill. All toys will be donated to the 4C's Toy Drive. December 20th LAST DAY

**ATTENTION** stamp collectors in Haliburton and Minden area, new club is forming in the Highlands. Please contact Kevin for more information at 705-489-1038 or 705-457-5949

**Dec 20th:** LAST DAY to donate to Head Lake Grill Toy Drive: Bring in a New unwrapped toy or gift card and receive 10% off your bill, as well as a chance to win a weekly prize of \$25 gift certificate at Head Lake Grill. All toys will be donated to the 4C's Toy Drive

**Dec 27th:** Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break: from 10:00 to 11:00 located at the Minden Hills Branch location

**Dec 28th:** Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 12:30p.m. to 1:30 p.m. located at the Wilberforce Branch

**Dec 29th:** Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. located at the Dysart Branch location

**Dec 31:** Minden Hills Family New Year's Eve located at the Minden Community Centre. Enjoy a Family Skate, Christmas Tree Bon Fire at 8:00 p.m., Fireworks 9:00p.m. Cammy George 286-1936

**Jan 6:** COUNTRY MUSIC JAMBOREE S.G. NESBITT ARENA MINDEN from 1 pm to 5 pm. Hosted by the "COUNTRY HOT FLASHES AND THE COLD SHOULDERS" OPEN MIC.....old fashioned square dancing. "SHOWCASE YOUR TALENT & ENJOY TRADITIONAL COUNTRY". "Bring your whole family, Children Welcome". ADMISSION- \$7.00. 5 pm- Hearty Hamburger Soup/Rolls/Dessert - \$6.00. Food provided by MINDEN LIONESS. Proceeds to "Fuel for Warmth" Please Note: Next Jamboree---February 10th, 2013

**Jan 2:** Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 10:00a.m.- 11:00 a.m. located at the Minden Hills Branch location

**Jan 3:** Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from - 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m. located at the Wilberforce Branch location

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**Jan 4:** Winter FUN Free Programs at the Library Christmas Break from 10:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. located at the Dysart location

**Jan 12:** The Haliburton County Historical Society 3rd Annual Golden Slipper Music Era Dance, beginning at 8:00p.m. located at the Wild Moose. Dance to the 50's style. Tickets are \$10. Contact: Larry Giles at 705-754-0427 for more information



# CARNARVON LANES

Tues aft. Date. Dec.11/12

Men:  
High avg. Ken Thompson 203  
High single: Ken Thompson 303  
High single htcp: Ken Thompson 323  
High triple: Ken Thompson 733  
High triple htcp: Ken Thompson 793  
Ladies:  
High avg. Chris Cote 187  
High single: Chris Cote 208  
High single htcp: Lynda Weir 257  
High triple: Chris Cote 523  
High triple htcp: Jynda Weir 672  
Tues night: Dec 11/12

Men:  
High single: Mike Vuksic 247  
High single htcp: Mike Vuksic 295  
High triple: Mike Vuksic 617  
High triple htcp: Mike Vuksic 761  
Ladies:

High avg: Marlene Robinson 176  
High single: Marlene Robinson 268  
High single htcp: Marlene Robinson 308  
High triple: Marlene Robinson 553  
High triple htcp: Barb Nash 704  
Wed. aft. Dec. 12/12

Men:  
High avg: Ken Thompson 212  
High single: Ken Thompson 245  
High single htcp: Ian Comrie 258  
High triple: Ken Thompson 617  
High triple htcp: Ian Comrie 682  
Ladies:

High avg: Chris Cote 185  
High single: June Fortune 236  
High single htcp: Diana Coleiro 303  
High triple:  
Chris Cote 607  
High triple htcp:  
Diana Coleiro 752

Thur. aft. Dec.13/12

Men:  
High avg: Ken Thompson 213  
High single: Ken Thompson 274  
High single htcp: Claude Cote 290  
High triple: Ken Thompson 741  
High triple htcp: Tom Marshall 772  
Ladies:  
High avg: Chris Cote 191  
High single: Pearl Foster 229  
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This position will commence Monday, February 4th, 2013 and is based on a 35-hour work week being 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, rate of pay \$23.15/hour as per LOCAL 4286 Collective Agreement. Earnings will be subject to Union dues. This employment opportunity will end when the temporary vacancy is no longer open.

### Qualifications:

The successful candidate must have a good understanding and knowledge of the Ontario Building Code and any applicable Federal and Provincial laws. The ability to read and interpret plans and blueprints, a good understanding of Municipal By-Laws, The Provincial Offences Act, The Canada Evidence Act and The Ontario Courts of Justice Act, be able to demonstrate strong computer skills, skill in resolving contentious issues appropriately and effectively and verbal and written communication skills. A valid G driver's license is required. A minimum of 2-year's experience in a Municipal Building/By-Law Department environment is preferred.

Prior to the final selection for this position, the applicant shall be required to provide at their own expense, a background check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate Police Force.

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A full position description can be picked up in the Building/Bylaw/Planning Department.

Qualified applicants are asked to submit a letter of application, along with a detailed resume of education and experience by 12:00 noon Friday, January 4th, 2013 in a sealed envelope, clearly marked:

**"Employment Opportunity - Building Inspector/MLEO"**

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Township of Minden Hills  
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Attention: Colin McKnight, CBO/MLEO

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# County card scores

by Patti Fleury

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Even though in most cases we have never met except over the telephone the event co-ordinators who faithfully call in their results make this column a reality.

So many of them are community volunteers and I check the photos in the *Times* for their faces. Jean Keliele would sometimes call in the scores for St. Paul's Friendship Club if Tim and Betty Sharpe were away. I was much saddened to read of her passing and to put a lovely face together with her pleasant voice and manner.

December 6 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 295, Vi Howell 266, Eileen Shepstone 253 and Sharron Atkinson 245. First for the gents at 316 was Tom Grix followed by Jesse Barlow 269, Kevin Maloney 251 and Ida Young 231. Vi Howell won the major draw with Maria Tschida, Pat Bailey and Kevin Maloney taking the smaller prizes and moonshots going to Marcel Roussel and Ida young [2]. Thanks to Bev Johnson for this news.

December 6 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that Pearl Cowen and Jason Peacock won for lone hands with Joan Mann and Bob Pollard posting the highs. Linda Hopkins and Murray Daniels claimed the low scores while Pearl Cowen, Jesse Barlow and Betty Wagar along with Pat and Doug McInnis took home the other prizes.

December 7 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: North/South honours went to Alek and Irena Zworski 56 percent and Joan Davies partnered with Linda Cherry 53 percent. Over in East/West Milton and Shirley Milne led at 63 percent

then Joan Galley and Ev Morgan 57 percent.

December 14 euchre at Staanzworth Court, Minden: With apologies to our reporter Shirley Howe my file is missing the results for the 7<sup>th</sup> so here are those for this past Friday. Nick Boekestyn won for high hands, Bev Johnson for lone hands, Kevin Maloney for low hands and Doreen Francis for the special prize.

December 7 bid euchre at Club 35: Based on 7 sets of scores the leading ladies were Helen Windsor 234, Jean Randell 186 and our reporter Dorene Elstone 166. At 214 Garth Windsor topped the gents then Linda Voycey 209 and Merv Elstone 163 while the hidden scores went to Carol and Al McMullen.

December 8 bid euchre at Staanzworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that at 250 Phyllis Windsor was first for the ladies followed by Sharron Atkinson 247, Theresa Deak 233 and Emily Harvie 225. High scores for the gents went to Marcy Morgan 291, Tom Grix 269, Jesse Barlow 229 and Albert Foster 195. Maria Tschida claimed the special prize while Bev Johnson, Theresa Deak [2], Tom Grix, Ida Young and Marcel Roussel had moonshots.

December 9 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Arthur Forbes with Albert Foster taking both lone hand honours and the special prize. The afternoon's low went to Bev Johnson.

December 10 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The top three

players were Tom Grix 301, Emily Harvie 272 and Marcel Roussel 247. Vic Ballik won the draw while Dana Briscoe, Emily Harvie [2], Tom Grix, Rae Shepheard, Theresa Deak and Frank Franzen took the moonshots. Thanks to Rose Isaacson for this news.

December 10 euchre at Staanzworth Terrace, Minden: Doreen French reports that Sherin Brown won for high hands, Pat Bailey for lone hands, Nick Boekestyn for low hands and Bev Johnson for the special prize.

December 10 euchre at Club 35: Claiming both lone hand honours and the boloney was Dorene Elstone with Joan Mann and Barry Butler posted the high scores. The evening's lows went to Carol McMullen and Merv Elstone. Thanks to Jean Dutka for this update.

December 11 contract bridge at Minden United Church: The top three players were Lillian Mann 4,300, Gerald Bergin 4,080 and Wally Reid 4,030. From Nancy Ballantyne a reminder that this morning bridge event will resume after the holiday break on Tuesday, January 8, 2013.

December 11 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Leading ladies were Pat Roussel 261, Shirley Milne 243, our reporter Betty Wagar 240 and Sharron Atkinson 234. First for the gents at 298 was Marcel Roussel followed by Phyllis Windsor 278, Kevin Maloney and Bob Pollard tied at 264 and Pat Scadden 262. The major draw winner was John Deak with Bob Pollard, Sharron Atkinson and Ron Morrison claiming the smaller prizes with moon-

shots going to Marcy Morgan [2] and Pat Scadden.

December 11 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: High scores were posted by Reta Crofts and Bruce Shepheard with Helen Burk and Gene Newell claiming the lows. Harold Harvie was a double winner taking both lone hand honours and the special prize. Convener Barb Carpenter sends out holiday greetings to all and a reminder that euchre will resume in January.

December 11 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: From Connie Sawyer the news that at 318 Dorene Elstone and Peggy Beattie topped the charts with Sandy Poulton and Eleanor Lymer in second spot at 308. Ray Lymer going solo posted at 260 for third place while Margaret Oetelaar teamed with newcomer Sharon had the afternoon's low of 119. From all her friends a special greeting goes to Pearl Cowen.

December 11 contract bridge at Club 35: The high scoring quartet members were Willie Cox 5,200, our reporter Margo Davidson 5,070, Ann Maher 4,250 and Ross Fletcher 4,200. Gail Medcalf won the draw, the Shiny Penny went to Muriel McIntosh with Willie Cox and Margo Davidson teaming up for a Small Slam.

December 12 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: North/South leaders were Peter O'Connor and Margo Davidson 57 percent then Judy Neimann and Mary Johnson 52 percent. For East/West top marks went to Ev Morgan and Reet Murray 55 percent and Jack Cox partnered with Bruce Armstrong 53 per cent.

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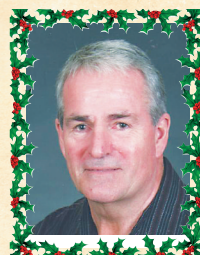
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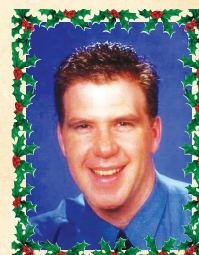
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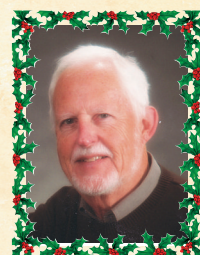
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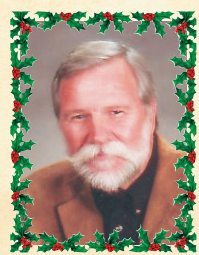
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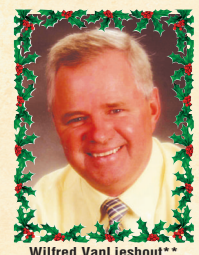
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